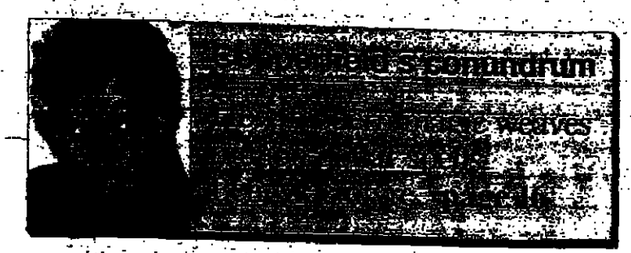
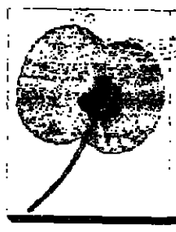
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Jubilant Bosnian army sets sights on new targets



Anthony Loyd, in Bugojno, central Bosnia, explains that the alliance between Croats and Bosnians against a common enemy has to succeed if either lost territory is to be regained

IN A restaurant commandeered as their headquarters, beneath lights made dim by the weak and erratic electricity supply, the victorious commanders of the Bosnian 7th Corps pored over their maps and debated their next move. The Serbs are fighting back, but Kupres has fallen to the Bosnian-Croat alliance, and other targets are in their sights.

The mood of jubilation is tempered by hard-headed strategy as the tide of war turns at last. The Bosnian Army (BiH) symbolically handed Kupres over to their Croat (HVO) allies after capturing it. But they know that further co-ordination between their forces will require detailed planning. The two parties are only recent allies, having been locked in a bitter struggle for more than a year. Now the tanks and artillery of the HVO together with the dogged BiH infantry are inflicting a bitter defeat on the Bosnian Serb army. It is an alliance that must succeed if either of their lost territories is to be regained.

So far, the alliance is holding. At the weekend I watched a Croat munitions convoy wind its way slowly through the mountains at night, the tail-lights of the lorries forming a glowing chain in the darkness that stretched for more than half a mile. Escorted by Bosnian Croat military police, the convoy passed through Prozor, the last Croat town before Bosnian government-held territory, and on to the Bosnian military police base outside Gornji Vakuf. They in turn took it on to the weary Bosnian government army units around Kupres. In supplying these troops, the Croats have entered a new phase of the conflict.

At the dimly-lit restaurant the bubbling conversation faltered as General Mehmet Alagic, commander of the corps, entered the room with his second in command, Fikret Cuskic. Both are refugees themselves from lands seized by the Serbs around Prijedor. Both looked tired and dirty. "The general says we will take everything until Jajce, and that the Serbs must then give us everything beyond," said Raza, a Bosnian army spokeswoman. "Once we we reach Jajce then we'll really have the Serbs by the balls."

Jajce is still some way from the nearest Bosnian army unit. But the recent military successes in Kupres, Bihac and the land south of Sarajevo have fired the Bosnian soldiers' morale. The Serbs meanwhile, denied support from Belgrade, appear to be wallowing in empty threats and confusion as the front widens away from central Bosnia into their territory.

The victory at Kupres has given the Croats a new incentive to take part in the war, and has also sparked a wave of Croat support for the federation. "Our government just talks to the Serbs about the Krajina," said one young Croat disdainfully. "Look at the Bosnians, they know what to do, they're kicking the Serbs' arses."

On the cold, windy slopes above Kupres, the Bosnian government troops seemed equally impressed by their Croat allies. "This is going to be the first federal town," remarked one Muslim soldier, whose own home lay below him. "At the moment it is still a military zone, but in a few days we will establish a joint post here with the Croats, and civilians from both sides can start to return. This is the start of a new era."

Optimistic reports by the United Nations that the fighting will subside with the coming of winter were dismissed by the troops. "We're going to return to our homes, snow, wind, or rain, whatever the weather, whatever the weapons — shells, bombs or bullets," one declared. "We have a motive for war: to return home."

☐ *Copenhagen:* A guard from a Bosnian Croat prison camp goes on trial here today charged with torturing inmates to death at a Croat-run detention centre at Dretelj near Mostar in southern Bosnia. *(Reuter)*

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Top Tory aide quits over PO sell-off failure

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A SENIOR Conservative MP is resigning from his post as chief parliamentary aide to Douglas Hurd to give himself freedom to speak out on issues such as privatisation of the Post Office.

The resignation of David Martin, MP for Portsmouth South, as parliamentary private secretary to the Foreign Secretary is a dramatic illustration of the depth of anger among Tory loyalists both over the dropping of the Royal Mail sale and what has been regarded as a lack of Cabinet support for Michael Heseltine in his efforts to promote it.

The sale was abandoned last week because of fears that the Government would be unable to get it through the Commons in the face of a revolt by about a dozen Tory MPs. But yesterday several senior Tory figures, including the party chairman Jeremy Hanley, and his predecessor, Sir Norman Fowler, said the policy was right and could eventually be revived.

Mr Martin made plain in a statement to *The Times* last night that he wants to speak out on a range of issues after four years as PPS to Mr Hurd. It is understood, however, that the handling of the Post Office privatisation finally persuaded the independent-minded rightwinger that he should stand down.

Mr Martin, 49, said last night that he had told Mr Hurd that he wished to resign from the beginning of the new session on November 16. "I have served him as PPS for four years and as a member of the so-called payroll vote I have backed the Government at all times. I now want to be free to take my own line on government policy and on the various controversies that have emerged regularly in recent times."

Mr Martin added that the issue of mail privatisation had worried him for some time and that "the alarm bells had rung" when he saw in the consultation paper the proposal for greater freedom in the public sector, effectively Labour's option.



Martin: "I want to be free to take my own line"

The loss of Mr Martin will be a blow to Mr Hurd, who is known to have rated him highly. Mr Martin said he was sad to leave Mr Hurd, for whom he had the highest respect and from whom he had had nothing but courtesy and consideration.

The news came as John Major was bracing for a fresh revolt over Europe as the Tory Right threatens revenge for the loss of the highly prized Post Office legislation and demands a return to radical Thatcherite policies. Mr Major is under strong private criticism for not ordering the whips into battle to win over doubters to the cause of the Royal Mail sale.

There were growing indications that a hard core of Conservative Euro-rebels are prepared to stand in the way of a Bill to be introduced in the next parliamentary session increasing Britain's payments to the European Union by about £2 billion a year. The Right's anger at Mr Major's refusal to face down the Post Office rebels was compounded yesterday by predictions that it would have to be revived because it was the right policy and one on which the Cabinet was united.

Sir Norman said privatisation was still on the agenda. "There is no reason why we can't fight on this again. Anyone who thinks that this is the end of the matter should think again," he told BBC 1's *On the Record*.

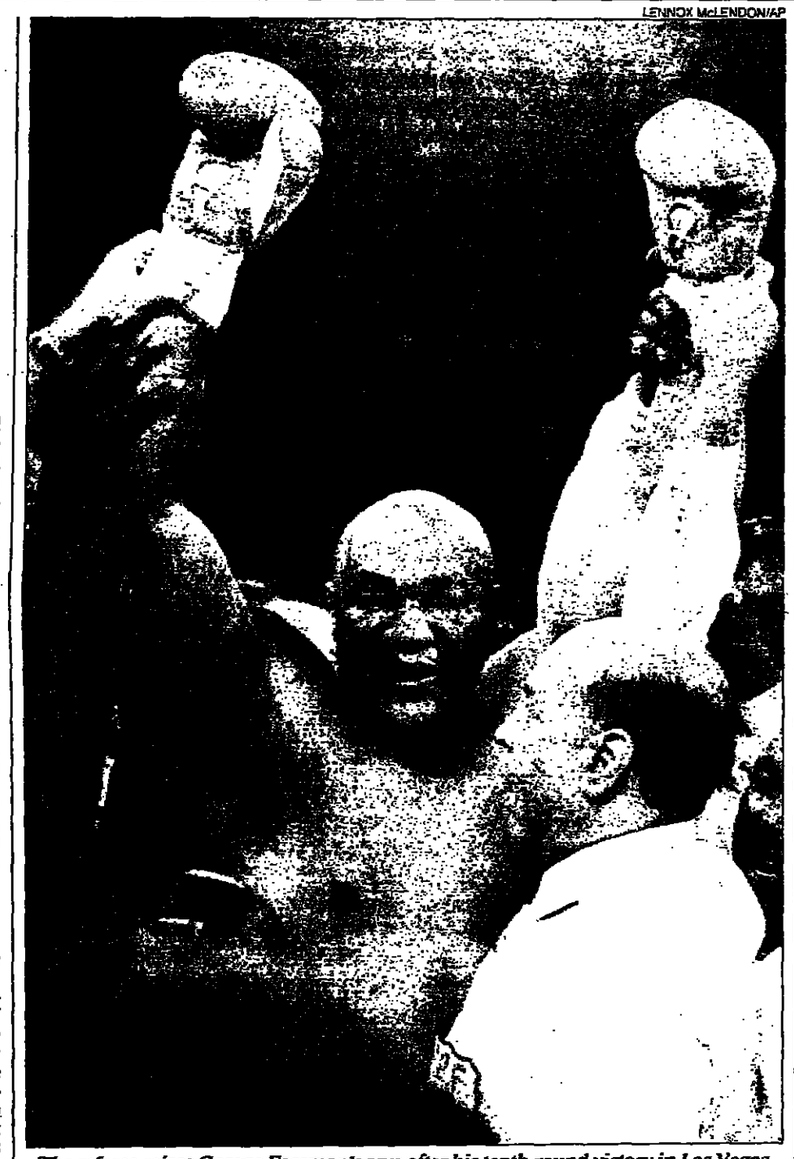
Senior MPs voiced bewilderment that Mr Major and ministers had not done more to sell the case for privatisation but Mr Major and his colleagues made plain their determination to stand firm against demands for a more radical approach.

Norman Lamont led the charge of the Right. "It seems to me absurd that the Government should be held to ransom by a taxi-full of flotsam and bobtail. It would have been better had a few heels turned in the fire and the whips taken a more aggressive attitude," he said on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost* programme.

He issued a warning about the likely impact on the Bill increasing EU contributions, on which Labour leaders are already searching for a device to co-operate with dissident Tories to try to defeat the Government. Mr Lamont said the Government's failure to take the issue to the Commons, and if necessary make it an issue of confidence, would send the wrong signal to MPs opposed to any increase in the EU contribution.

Man in the news, page 2

LENNOX McLENDON/AP



The referee raises George Foreman's arm after his tenth-round victory in Las Vegas

Reagan reveals he is suffering from Alzheimer's

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

RONALD Reagan, 83, the former President, was yesterday inundated with messages of sympathy and support after disclosing that he is suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, the incurable and irreversible brain disorder.

Medical experts say most victims die within eight years. As the disease progresses, they suffer increasing memory loss, disorientation and personality change.

President Clinton and former presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford yesterday praised Mr Reagan for his courageous decision to disclose the diagnosis in order to promote awareness of a disease that afflicts up to four million of his countrymen and kills about 100,000 a year.

Mr Reagan made his announcement in a poignant two-page handwritten letter to his "fellow Americans". In it he said he was beginning "the journey that will lead me into the sunset of my life", adding that "when the Lord calls me home, whenever that may be, I will leave with the greatest love for this country of ours and eternal optimism for its future". At present, he said, he felt "just fine" and he intended to continue enjoying the "great outdoors" and the company of his wife, "my beloved Nancy", as long as he could.

The only plaintive note came when he observed that the traumatic later stages of Alzheimer's placed a "heavy burden" on the patient's family and wished there was "some way I could spare Nancy from this painful experience".

Mr Reagan has always shown great physical resilience. He survived a 1981 assassination attempt, surgery for colon cancer in 1985 and three skin cancer operations before retiring to California in January 1989 after eight years as President.

His present condition was diagnosed at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and came as little surprise to friends. Campaigning in California, Mr Clinton recalled meeting Mr Reagan after the 1992 election. When the former President lost his thread, he complained: "I forgot what I was talking about and it really makes me mad."

EC to seek reversal of social opt-out

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU AND PHILIP BASSETT

EUROPE's social policy commissioner will heighten concern about the Brussels campaign behind the social chapter today when he makes it clear that the Commission still wants to end the opt-out Britain negotiated at Maastricht.

Padraig Flynn will tell the Confederation of British Industry conference in Birmingham that he aims to bring social policy, including employment rules, back into a single European legislative framework. Although he is promising to slow the hectic pace of EU social affairs legislation over the next five years, he is going ahead with unfinished parts of the social action programme started in 1989 that are not covered by the opt-out.

The main opportunity to end the opt-out would be at the 1996 intergovernmental conference to review the Maastricht Treaty. John Major, who negotiated the opt-out clause, has rejected any such move.

One of the seven draft directives blocked in negotiation, and strongly opposed by Britain, aims to shift the burden of proof in sex discrimination cases from employee to employer, provided that the employee can make a prima facie case.

Another directive, supported by Germany, would prevent workers posted to another EU country undercutting the local labour market by opting out of the host country's social security system or working at below minimum wage rates. This directive up for discussion next month.

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Flood toll reaches 50

More than 50 people are dead or missing in northern Italy after torrential rain over the weekend.

The worst-hit area has been around Cuneo, not far from the French border. At least three people are known to have died in France.

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Bill on disabled stalls £4bn cuts

Attempts by the Chancellor to shave £4 billion off public spending are being overshadowed by a dispute with Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, over the cost of an new measure to attack discrimination against the disabled ..... **Page 2**

Church gay plea

The Bishop of Durham, who has been at the centre of controversy since news emerged of his conviction for gross indecency, has called for a wider exploration in the Church of issues surrounding homosexuality **Page 5**

Wet weather win

Damon Hill of Britain won the Japanese Grand Prix in the rain at Suzuka, with Michael Schumacher (Germany) second. Hill is a point behind the German with one race to run ..... **Page 25**

Lay preacher strikes championship blow for the middle-aged

BY ALAN HAMILTON

SOME people just refuse to act their age. A 45-year old lay preacher and father of nine has become the oldest world champion in the history of professional boxing.

George Foreman has not been at peace with himself since the "rumble in the jungle" 20 years ago when he succumbed to the invincible Muhammad Ali at a world title bout in Zaire. On Saturday he stepped into a Las Vegas ring and knocked out Michael Moorer, a callow youth of 26, to capture one version of the world heavyweight title.

Boxing is no recipe for a long and sane retirement, but Foreman — dignfied, well-spoken and fully recovered from a hamburger addiction that bloated him to over 22 stone — has astonished pugilists everywhere and given new hope to the early middle-aged. His own description of his four-punch tenth round knockout was "hamhocks and chitlin', right and left".

Foreman exceeds by many years the previous record for elderly fighters, held until now by Jersey Joe Walcott who lost his world heavyweight title to Rocky Marciano in 1952 when Jersey Joe was a mere 38 years and 236 days. Archie Moore, whose age was the subject of considerable dispute, was said to have been 42 when he succumbed to Floyd Paterson in 1956.

At the other end of the scale, Mike Tyson was a youthful 20 when he beat Trevor Berbick for the World Boxing Council version of the world title in Las Vegas. He is currently putting on the years in a state penitentiary.

Despite Foreman's triumph, oldies are better advised to stick to less punishing sports. Hilda Johnstone is thought to have been our own oldest Olympic competitor, when she came 12th in the dressage at Munich in 1972 aged 70. Willie Pattimore represented England in the 1970 Commonwealth Games at the age of 78 but he was not fighting anyone, merely playing bowls.

W.G. Grace held his last Test captaincy at the age of 50, and Wilfred Rhodes played for England against the West Indies at Kingston in 1930 at 52. But in cricket, the combatants do not punch each other about the head or lay their opponents on the ground. At least, that's what the rules say.

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Intelligence frontline at risk in MoD savings

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

SOME of the most senior intelligence experts at the Ministry of Defence have been earmarked for redundancy after an internal review that has called for cuts of more than 10 per cent in the department's intelligence budget.

The proposed removal of analysts in the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS) has caused concern that the MoD's role of predicting future threats posed by new weapon systems and potential conflicts could be undermined.

The DIS, which employs about 800 military and civilian staff, a large proportion of which are analysts highly qualified in specialist technical areas, is the only intelligence service in Britain which makes assessments based on all sources.

This includes signals intelligence provided by GCHQ, the Government's communications centre at Cheltenham, covert human intelligence supplied by MI6, secret material from MI5, aerial photographic assessments carried out by the MoD's Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre at Brampton, Cambridgeshire, and information from defence attachés abroad.

The cuts at DIS, which, unlike the other intelligence services, is an MoD department rather than a separate agency, have been ordered as part of the *Frontline First* defence costs study. The DIS review was one of 33 studies aimed at making cuts of £750 million in the armed forces' support services by 1996-97 after a budget cut ordered by the Treasury.

But the DIS changes were not disclosed in the main *Frontline First* announcement made by Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, in July as officials said they were still being considered.

The DIS study was carried out by Sir Derek Boorman, a former Chief of Defence Intelligence, responsible for DIS who is now chairman of an NHS trust in London. He is believed to have recommended a cut of up to £20 million in the total budget of his department, which includes areas such as military survey as well as DIS.

The cuts to the DIS's annual estimated budget of less than £70 million will mean the loss of a substantial number of analysts, including up to ten of the most experienced intelligence experts. The most controversial recommendation is believed to involve a reduction in the number of two-star DIS officers from three to only one.

The DIS carries out only a small amount of intelligence collection: its expertise is in analysis not only of defence issues but also of political and economic questions.

Its assessment of the recent massing of Iraqi troops on the Kuwaiti border will have played an important part in persuading the Cabinet Office's Joint Intelligence Committee that the move by President Saddam Hussein was a diplomatic rather than military venture. Members of the British intelligence community who are concerned about the reductions in DIS staff, particularly at the most senior level, point out that since it is the only department that assesses material from all sources, it is dangerously short-sighted to cut back on experienced analysts.

Those expressing concern say that at a time when the armed forces are being reduced by 20 per cent under post-Cold War defence cuts, there is an even greater need to preserve intelligence analysis, which can provide adequate warning of new weapons technology and potential conflicts that could involve the British armed forces.

Mr Rifkind said that the *Frontline First* cuts in the support services, such as the partial closure of the Rosyth naval base, were aimed at making the £750 million cut the Treasury demanded without affecting the services' fighting strength, such as fighter squadrons, warships and infantry battalions.

Intelligence experts argue, however, that DIS analysts are the equivalent of frontline forces, providing the MoD with vital information before the armed forces go into battle or deploy abroad for peacekeeping operations such as in Bosnia and Rwanda.

Sir Derek's report on the DIS review has been with ministers for three months and its recommendations are in the process of being implemented.



Sir Derek: review set out total cuts of £20m

Cost of rights for disabled threatens Tory tax cuts

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

ATTEMPTS by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to shave some £4 billion off public spending to pave the way for pre-election tax cuts are being overshadowed by a dispute with Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, over the cost of an expensive new measure to attack discrimination against disabled people.

In an important victory, Mr Lilley secured a commitment from the Cabinet last Thursday for legislation in the next session of Parliament to assist the disabled.

This follows the controversy in the summer, when ministers blocked a private member's Bill making it illegal to discriminate against the disabled. The dispute was aggravated by the involvement of Nicholas Scott, the former rightwinger, is already engaged in a battle with Jonathan Aitken, Treasury chief secretary, over demands for cuts in his £88 million welfare budget through reductions in housing benefit and income support payments to householders who lose their jobs.

Mr Clarke and John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, are known to have been horrified at the huge cost for business, industry and the Government implied by the proposals in the Government's Green Paper on the disabled — which followed the Parliament dispute — to widen the disabled's right of access.

The Green Paper proposed that all new homes should be capable of taking wheelchairs and would mean revised seating arrangements in restaurants and cinemas. Disabled people denied access would be able to take civil action for financial loss or injured feelings.

The cost of the backbench Bill was put at some £17 billion over five years, and a further £1 billion a year thereafter. The latest plan is largely uncosted but there are Treasury fears that it would fuel inflation.

An informed government source said yesterday that while the principle of government legislation had been agreed, the principle of the right of access had not. "The shape of the legislation remains very uncertain," the source said.

However, the Government is anxious to draw up a substantial package to avoid the risk of another backbencher seeking to bring in more ambitious legislation.

The Chancellor plans to ask the Cabinet tomorrow to take some £4 billion off next year's £263 billion spending plans to take account of lower inflation and unemployment. He will also urge tougher restraints in the years running up to the election to allow more scope for tax cuts. Mr Clarke will tell the Cabinet that his aim is to squeeze inflation and public borrowing.



Lilley: Cabinet deal is important victory

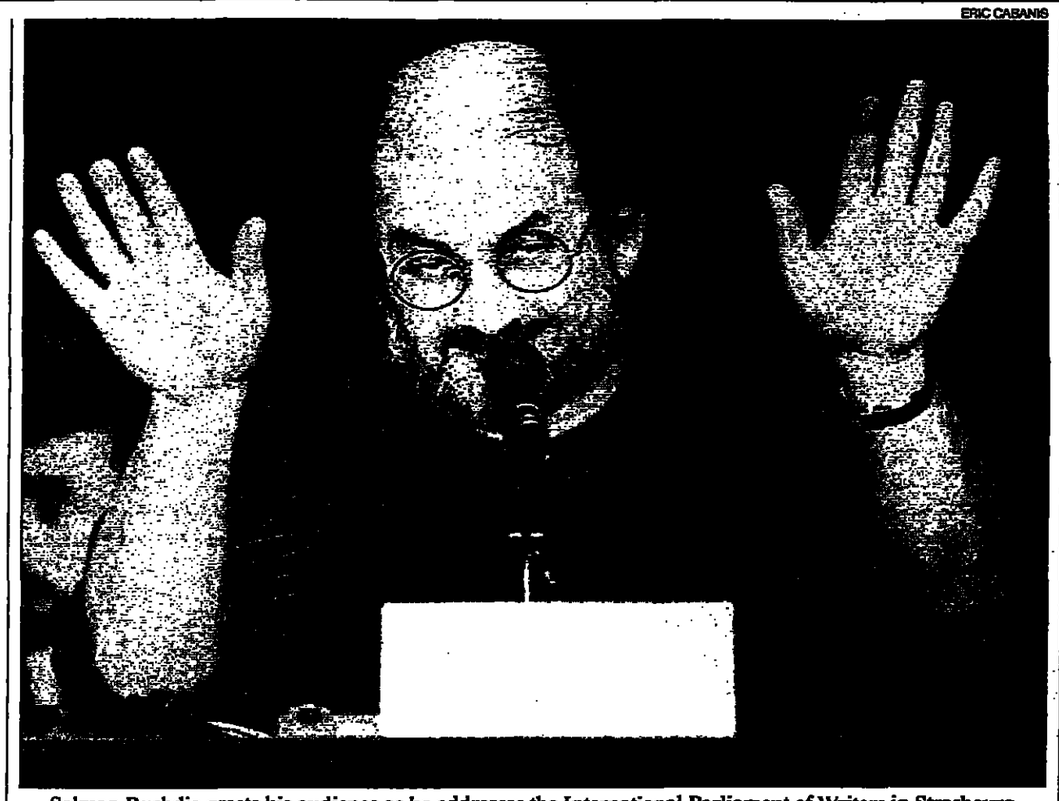
social security minister, in efforts to impede the Bill.

Mr Lilley has won agreement, with John Major's strong support, for the inclusion of a Bill in the next session, but he has yet to secure the backing of ministers for far-reaching proposals for the disabled to be provided with proper access to buildings, public transport, cinemas and restaurants.

The issue is to come before the Cabinet's home affairs committee, chaired by Tony Newton, the Commons leader, this week as Mr Clarke prepares to take a tough line at tomorrow's special Cabinet session on public spending.

Mr Lilley, a leading

ERIC CABANIS



Salman Rushdie greets his audience as he addresses the International Parliament of Writers in Strasbourg

Rushdie appeals for victims of extremism

SALMAN Rushdie and other writers have asked France to give political asylum to Algerians threatened by Muslim militants.

"When any Algerian is under threat of death and badly in need of asylum, France should open its gates rather than close them," a resolution tabled by Rushdie and passed by the International Parliament of Writers on Saturday in Strasbourg said. Dozens of intellectuals have been killed by Muslim militants in Algeria where civil strife has claimed more than 10,000 lives. Journalists, artists and teachers have been accused of influencing society against Islam.

Rushdie, who has been in hiding since the late Ayatollah Khomeini, spiritual leader of Iran, ordered his death in 1989 over his book *The Satanic Verses*, is president of the group of 300 writers.

A Franco-Algerian agreement has imposed stricter conditions on Algerians seeking to enter France. The resolution said the writers believed that "modifications of the right to asylum contradict the French Republic's principles of freedom and fraternity." A vigil was held for the Algerian intellectuals who have been killed.

Rushdie said the vigil was intended to draw Western attention to the strife in Algeria. "It must not be relegated to the shadows where people are so easily being killed," he said.

Scott secretary defends inquiry delay

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall Correspondent

SIR Richard Scott's inquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair enters its third year on Thursday amid growing disquiet over the excessive delay in publishing its conclusions.

The inquiry, which was set up in November 1992 after the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial at the Old Bailey, is not expected to publish its findings until Easter.

Ann Taylor, Labour's opengovernment spokesman, said: "It's a matter of concern that the inquiry is entering its third year with still no end in sight."

Christopher Muttukumaru, secretary to the inquiry, said: "The task of pulling together the story from 200,000 pages of documents is laborious and time-consuming. A fair approach requires the inquiry to be thorough and effective. A delay of a few months is a price worth paying."

Sir Richard, who became Vice Chancellor in October, has nearly completed the part of the report dealing with government knowledge about exports of defence equipment to Iraq. But he has yet to begin drafting the sections dealing with the arms-to-Iraq prosecutions, and the Government's use of public interest immunity certificates.

Preparations are in hand to begin sending out extracts of the draft report to those ministers and civil servants who will be criticised for their part in the affair. They will then be given an opportunity to respond before the final draft.

After the completion of public hearings in May, additional evidence has been received from 80 witnesses — including two MI6 intelligence officers — bringing the number of witnesses questioned to 250. Jonathan Aitken, chief secretary to the Treasury, has given evidence about his involvement with BMARC, a subsidiary of the Swiss armaments manufacturer, Oerlikon, which is alleged to have supplied anti-aircraft ammunition to Iraq.

Sir Richard is also examining allegations that Mark Thatcher was involved in setting up a deal to reroute missiles to Iraq. "We are probing the allegations, but there is no evidence to suggest that Mr Thatcher was involved," a spokesman said.

Senior civil servants have made representations to Sir Richard requesting that certain sensitive information be withheld from publication, and it is expected that some annexes of the Scott report will remain secret. However, Sir Richard has given no undertaking that he will allow the Government to see his report before it is published.

Man charged with killing teenagers

An unemployed catering manager was charged last night with the murder of three teenagers who were strangled before their bodies were burnt and dumped. Steven John Grieveson, 24, from Sunderland, had been questioned over the weekend about the murders of Thomas Kelly, 18, David Hanson, 15, and David Grieff, 15, in a series of fire-related incidents. He is expected to appear before magistrates in the city today.

The three were at first thought to have been victims of a glue and lighter-fuel sniffing craze but a murder hunt was launched last month after seven months of detailed forensic tests showed that they had all been throttled before being set alight. David Hanson and David Grieff were pupils at Monkwearmouth comprehensive school, while Thomas Kelly was a former pupil.

Store killer's 8 robberies

The man who stabbed to death John Penfold, a 21-year-old Woolworths shop assistant, had stolen nearly £1,200 in at least eight robberies in two months at branches of the store, police said yesterday. Detectives investigating the murder in Teddington, southwest London, on Thursday said on one occasion he threatened a female cashier with a knife and during at least one other attack a knife was used.

Five held under new Act

Five hunt saboteurs became the first people to be charged under the Criminal Justice Act on Saturday when they were arrested while disrupting the Woodland Pytchley Hunt at Stoke Albany, Northamptonshire. They were charged with aggravated trespass under section 68 of the Act, which came into force at midnight on Wednesday. They were released on police bail after eight hours in custody.

Soldier hurt on patrol

A soldier was knocked unconscious when a joint army and police patrol was attacked outside a pub in Newry, Co Down, on Saturday night. Three men have been charged with offences of violence after the incident in which a crowd of 30 men attacked the patrol, injuring two soldiers and nine RUC officers, in the predominantly nationalist town.

Briton 'bound and shot'

The Briton who was executed by the Khmer Rouge was forced to march into the jungle with his hands bound behind his back before being shot in the head, a Khmer Rouge defector was yesterday reported to have said. The body of Mark Slater, 28, was flown back to Britain at the weekend. A post-mortem examination will be carried out.

Windfall tax plan

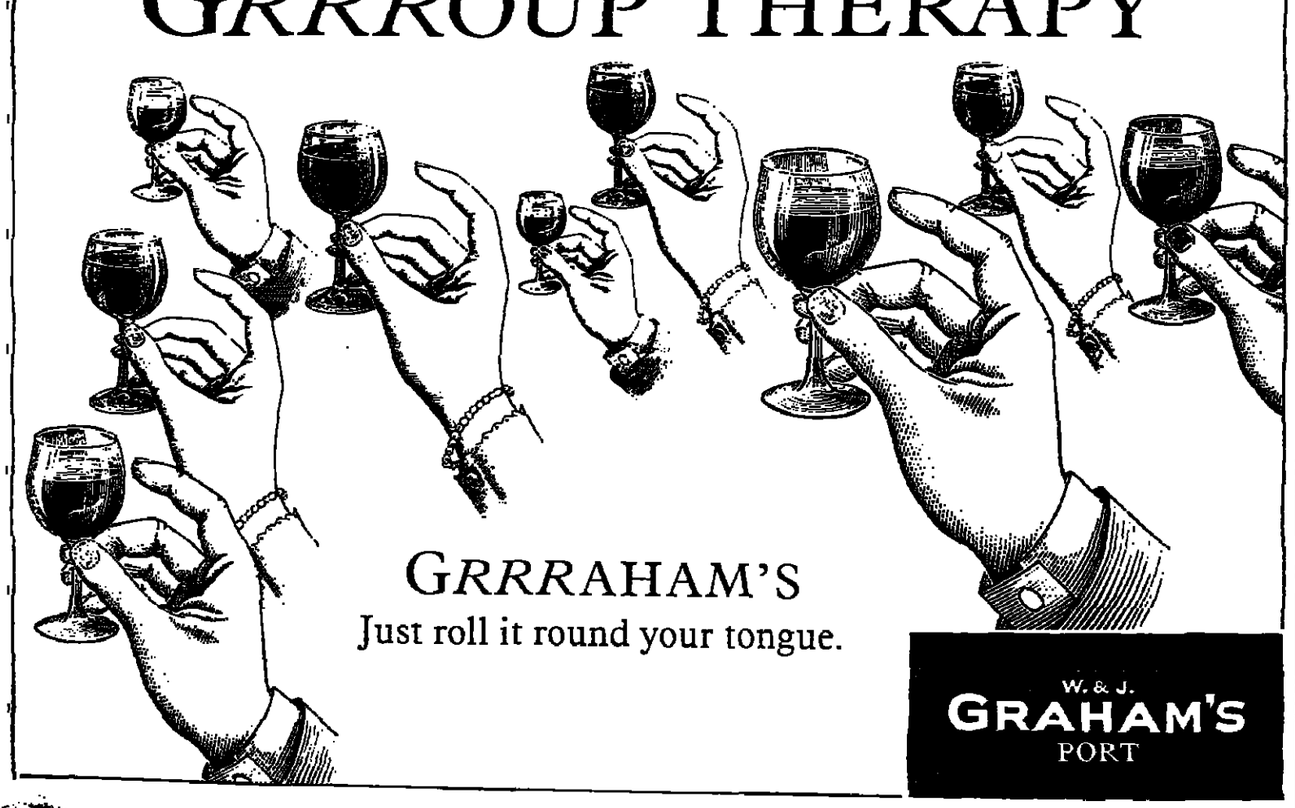
Labour will propose a "windfall" tax this week on the money raised from the impending sale of the National Grid. Gordon Brown will suggest that the tax should replace the £650 million second phase of the Government's levy of VAT — from 8 to 17.5 per cent in April — on domestic fuel.

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More NHS managers

The number of NHS managers in England has risen by 13 per cent in a year, with rises of up to 57 per cent in some regions, while nurses and midwives are declining, latest official figures show. The latest rise in NHS managers takes the total to over 20,000, an increase of 334 percent since 1989. The number of nurses and midwives has fallen 9 per cent.

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Loyal aide who had to speak out

By Jonathan Prynn, Political Reporter

DAVID Martin's decision to resign as parliamentary aide to Douglas Hurd brings to an end one of the less likely partnerships at Westminster.

The two men are ideological opposites, yet Mr Martin has never been less than scrupulously loyal during his four years working for the Foreign Secretary. Friends say he has frequently had to bite his lip over government policies but has never publicly expressed dissent. His decision to go, prompted by frustration over the handling of Post Office privatisation, will free him to speak out on a number of issues.

The 49-year-old former barrister and company director was elected to the highly marginal Portsmouth South seat in 1987, after losing to Paddy Ashdown in Yeovil at the 1983 election.

In 1992 he won admiration from colleagues by fighting off a vigorous challenge from Mike Hancock, the Liberal Democrat who previously held the seat.

Against all the odds Mr Martin increased his majority by 37 to 242 in what was a top Liberal Democrat target constituency. His resignation as PPS will allow him to concentrate on fighting off what will be another stiff challenge at the next election. A popular rightwinger, Mr Martin's first appointment was as PPS to Alan Clark at the Ministry of Defence in 1990.

He had earlier made his mark in the Commons with his strongly expressed Thatcherite views on law and order, defence and inflation. He was a strong backbench supporter of national identity cards and tougher sentencing for criminals; and opponent of

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"gazumping". Educated at public school in Devon, the GD Academy in America and Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, Mr Martin was for 21 years a director of the family caravan and motorhome distribution company, Martins Caravans, before giving it up on his appointment as PPS to Mr Hurd in 1990.

He is married with two children and lists his recreations as music, golf and "peacemaking (children's squabbles)".

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Hostage sketched kidnapper

From Coomi Kapoor in Delhi

THE former student at the London School of Economics accused of masterminding the kidnapping of three Britons by Kashmiri militants was identified with the help of sketches made by one of the hostages.

Ahmed Omar Sheikh Syed, 20, a British citizen of Pakistani origin, initially gave two different false names to Indian police. He confessed to his identity after police used drawings by Paul Ridout to check his description against a computer list of wanted suspects.

Syed is recuperating in hospital after being injured in the shoulder during a shootout with police last week in which the hostages were freed in Saharanpur, near Delhi.

Members of his family, who live in London, said he had given up his studies to promote the cause of Kashmir. Indian police said he belonged to a well-to-do family. His father ran a garment export business while his sister was studying at Oxford.

Syed claims he was brainwashed by a Pakistani suspected to be working for a UK-based Kashmiri militant outfit.

New Morton book paints picture of obsessive princess

BY ALAN HAMILTON

A BITTER, jealous and lonely Princess of Wales, obsessed with astrology, colonic irrigation and other alternative therapies, is presented by the author Andrew Morton in his second book, extracts from which were serialised in *The Sunday Times* yesterday.

One of the book's principal conclusions was immediately dismissed yesterday by official sources, who described the work as a "a mish-mash of second, third and even fourth-hand gossip spiced with speculation assembled for Mr. Morton's benefit".

There was no truth, Buckingham Palace said, in the allegation that lawyers for the two parties had discussed divorce terms, with the possibility of the Princess receiving a £15 million settlement.

When details of the book leaked out last month, lawyers for the prince and princess issued a joint statement denying that they had agreed to a divorce, or that they had discussed a financial settlement. Mr Morton's book claims that one lawyer acting for the Princess had told her she could be entitled to half the Prince's fortune, and another told her not to initiate divorce proceedings, but wait for the prince's side to make the first move.

This latest offering in a torrent of revelatory royal biographies leaves the question of divorce as muddied as before. Next month the couple will have been legally separated for two years, and could proceed to a quick and simple divorce. All evidence suggests, however, that neither party is in a rush to make the first move, given the considerations of the children and the increasing frailty of the Queen Mother, to whom such a move would be a severe blow.

Buckingham Palace admitted yesterday, however, that the Princess would shortly make a partial return to public life, from which she voluntarily withdrew a year ago, to play a major role in the 125th anniversary celebrations of the Red Cross, of which she is British vice-president.

Morton, whose first biography of the Princess, published in 1992, informed a wider world of the Wales's marriage difficulties and has never been substantially denied, claims in his new book that the Princess is an increasingly isolated figure who dreams of remarrying, possibly living abroad, and having two more children, preferably girls.

The Princess, Morton claims, still suffers from the eating disorder *bulimia nervosa*, and is treating it with the controversial drug Prozac, an anti-depressant known to its users as "liquid sunshine". He says she is particularly upset at the arrival on the scene of Miss Alexandra Legge-Bourke, who looks after Prince William, 12, and Prince Harry, 10, while they are with their father.

According to the book, the Princess still has a difficult relationship with the royal family, whom she describes as "the leper colony", yet she telephones the Queen for a social chat every week.

One the strangest assertions, however, is that the Prince of Wales's admission of adultery in Jonathan Dimbleby's television documentary last summer was a coded message of reconciliation. Mr Dimbleby, who subsequently interviewed the Princess to ask why she did not initiate divorce proceedings, has described the theory as "little short of bizarre".



Morton: conclusions dismissed by Palace



Alexandra Legge-Bourke with the Prince and his sons at Zurich airport this year

Royal 'surrogate' with a delicate path to tread

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE woman alleged to have infuriated the Princess of Wales by virtually becoming a surrogate mother to her children has impeccable credentials for her position.

Alexandra Legge-Bourke, 28, known by her childhood nickname of Tiggy, is officially an £18,000-a-year assistant to the Prince of Wales's private secretary, Commander Richard Aylard.

In effect, she is the Prince's domestic social secretary and minder of Prince William and Prince Harry when they are with their father. She accompanied them on their skiing holiday to Switzerland earlier this year and on their sojourns at Balmoral.

Her father is a City merchant banker, her mother a lady-in-waiting to the Princess Royal and her brother a former page-of-honour to the Queen.

Miss Legge-Bourke attended fashionable Heathfield girls' school near Ascot, leaving at 16 with four O levels, and then trained as a nursery school teacher. She later set up her own nursery, Mrs Tiggywinkle's, in Battersea, south London, which she sold after joining the Prince's staff.

Coming from a family with so many of the right connections — she is descended from the Marquess of Lincolnshire, Lord Great Chamberlain to George V — Miss Legge-Bourke is well-equipped with the discretion and diplomacy required to handle the family arrangements of a separated couple of uniquely high profile.

One of her more delicate tasks is to help arrange which parts of their school holidays the princes, aged 12 and 10, will spend with their father and which with their mother.

Those who know Miss Legge-Bourke say that she has adopted an older-sister role with the princes. They also say that when the Prince of Wales appointed her in September 1993, it was one of the few sound and firm decisions he made that year.

She is currently said to be single and was reported to have given up her boyfriend on her appointment.

Prince's visit sparks alert

Two journalists arrested after gaining access to a bedroom where the Prince of Wales was due to sleep during his visit to Hong Kong said yesterday that they had wanted to highlight lax security. The reporters were released 12 hours after being detained at the country home of Chris Patten, the Governor. During his visit the Prince will inspect the last passing-out parade of Gurkha recruits at the imperially named Malaya Lines.

Mellor's in-laws tell of devastation at failed marriage

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE wife of David Mellor is devastated by his decision to separate after 20 years of marriage, her mother said yesterday. The former National Heritage Secretary announced that he would divorce his wife Judith "in due course" after admitting to a relationship with Viscountess Cobham, one of his former advisers.

After Mr Mellor's public statement in the early hours of yesterday morning, Joan Hall praised Mrs Mellor's fortitude. "I think my daughter has behaved in most dignified and splendid fashion over all this," Mrs Hall said from her home in Upper Beeding, West Sussex.

"I spoke to my daughter not two minutes ago and she is devastated by what has happened. We are also devastated," she added.

Mrs Hall and her husband Edward, a retired physics professor, were particularly upset by one newspaper headline which said: "Mellor leaves his wife for a lady." Mrs Hall said: "We think our daughter is a lady." Professor Hall, 76, said the implication in the *Observer* headline was uncalled for.

Mr Mellor, 45, admitted to a relationship with Lady Cobham, 40, wife of Viscount Cobham and a former adviser on tourism, after he was contacted by the *News of the World* on Saturday.

The newspaper had carried out surveillance on Lady Cobham's flat in Victoria, southwest London, and observed Mr Mellor entering and leaving on numerous occasions over several weeks.

Mr Mellor, MP for Putney, resisted calls for his resignation as a minister two years ago after disclosures that he had conducted an affair with Antonia de Sancha, an actress and model.

He left his post two months later after futher allegations that he had enjoyed hospitality from the daughter of an executive member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

In his statement, Mr Mellor said: "It is true that Penny Cobham and I are extremely close and intend to remain so."

Lady Cobham, who has been married for 20 years, said her husband understood the situation. "There is a deep bond between myself and David Mellor which we intend should continue," she said.

Lord Cobham, 51, who farms a 600-acre estate at Hagley Hall near Stourbridge, West Midlands, is one of the country's wealthiest landowners. The couple have no children.



Lady Cobham: "David and I share a bond"

Victim's widow tells of 'perfect husband'

BY KATE ALDERSON

A WOMAN whose husband was stabbed to death by a burglar after he stole their wedding rings and £15 cash said yesterday that she had been "robbed of a perfect husband".

Margaret and Geoff Nadin, married for 22 years, were asleep at about 10.30pm on Friday when a burglar awoke them. After they handed over jewellery and money the burglar stabbed Mr Nadin, 47, in the chest.

He then led Mrs Nadin, 43, downstairs, cut the telephone wire and warned her: "If you whisper a word of this to the police, I'll do the same to you."

Mrs Nadin, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester, told her father Harry Turner yesterday: "I handed over my engagement and wedding ring and Geoff handed over his wedding ring. I had three £5 notes in my bag and I gave them to him. The next thing I knew, Geoff had fallen back on the bed. He may have been reaching for his glasses when he was stabbed." She told her father that the burglar was "cool and collected".

Mr Turner, 71, who lives near his daughter, said she was devastated. He said Mr Nadin, a storeman for a glass-making company, was "the nicest bloke you could meet. They were a totally devoted couple. Geoff would not have put up much of a fight, he was the sort of man who would not stamp on an insect."

Police are seeking a slim white man, 5ft 10in, who was wearing a blue lumberjack shirt and green bobble hat.

Lady Emma pursues thief

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE daughter of the Earl of Pembroke pursued a thief who was stealing a painting from the family home, but lost him in the dark on the family's 14,000-acre estate.

Lady Emma Herbert, 25, who was first to react after hearing a loud crash from the first floor of Wilton House, near Salisbury, was lucky to avoid confrontation with the thief, her father said yesterday.

The burglar, who used a ladder and smashed a first-floor window, stole a 17th century painting of Rembrandt's mother worth some £300,000, after the break-in on Saturday.

"I am very glad she did not confront the person, but she came very close," Lord Pembroke said. "We all heard a loud crash and the burglar alarms went off. Emma went outside and found the ladder. She actually heard someone coming down the ladder, but it was dark and misty and whoever it was must have disappeared quickly into the trees," he said.

The family joined police and tracker dogs in an extensive but vain search of the estate. The painting, attributed to the circle of Rembrandt, was purchased in Holland in 1685 by the 8th Earl of Pembroke. It is one of a number of celebrated works in the Wilton House collection, which include Van Dycks, a Tintoretto and a van Leyden.

"I am very hopeful that we will recover the painting, because it is too well known to be sold," Lord Pembroke said. "Sometimes these things come back quickly — sometimes they take several years."

Two years ago a sculpture worth £20,000 was stolen from the garden at Wilton House, where the Elizabethan poet Sir Philip Sidney composed his epic *Arcadia*. The bronze was later recovered after it appeared for sale at auction in Chester.

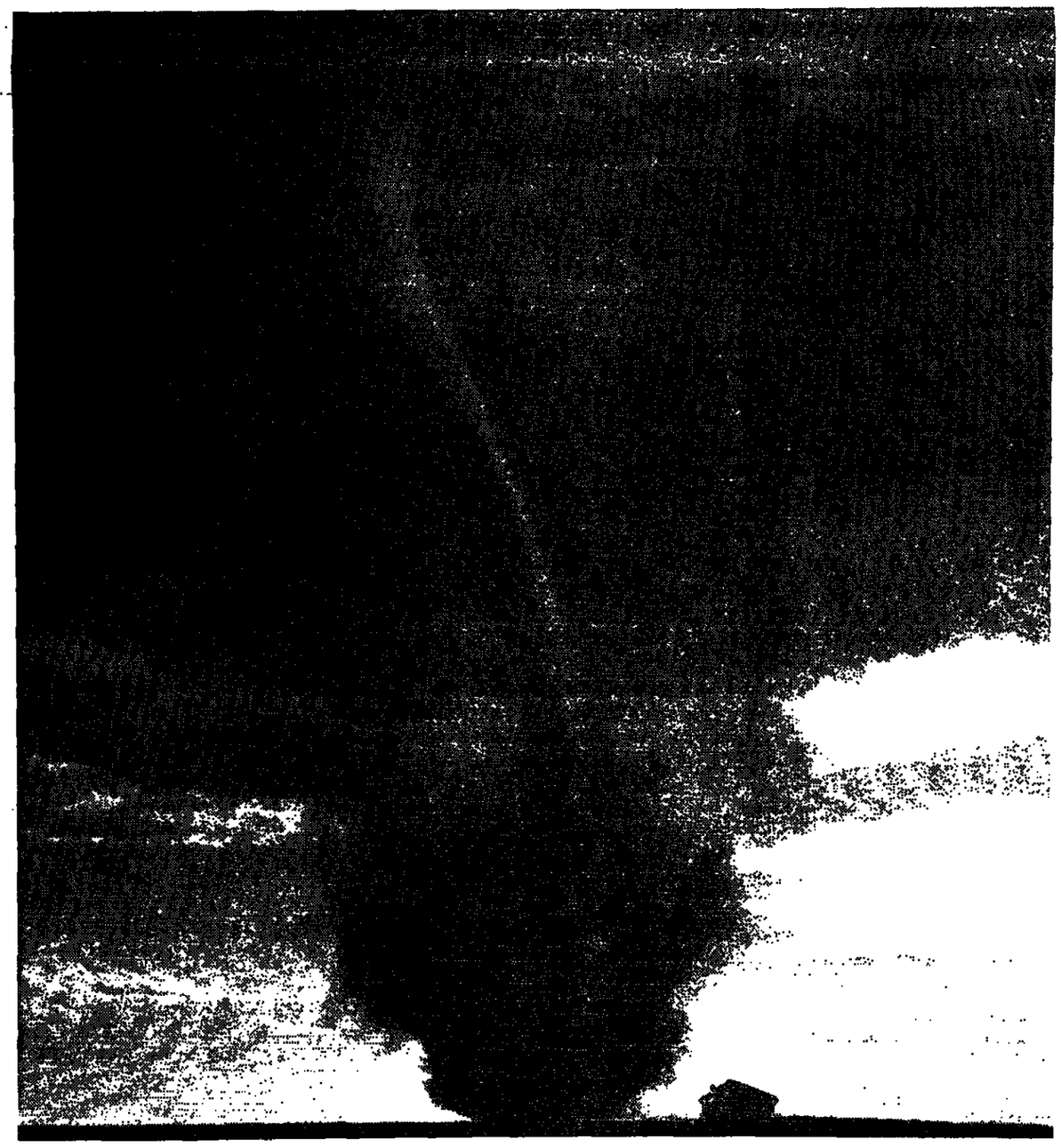
Two clocks worth £9,000, which were stolen around the same time have not yet been traced. It remained unclear whether the painting, which measures 4ft by 5ft, had been stolen to order. Customs and Excise officers are watching out for the painting at ports and airports.



Lord Pembroke: heard loud crash

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Bishop of Durham urges rethink on gays in the Church

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE new Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, called yesterday for a wider exploration in the Church of issues surrounding homosexuality.

Bishop Turnbull, who has been at the centre of a public controversy since news emerged of his conviction 26 years ago for gross indecency, said: "The process of what the Church thinks, decides and disciplines in this area does need urgent attention."

He called for theologians and gay rights activists urgently to "listen to each other". Bishop Turnbull, interviewed by Michael Wooldridge for BBC Radio 4's *Sunday* programme, admitted he had considered resigning in the days after his conviction was made public in the *News of the World*, but denied that there had ever been a cover-up by the Church in the first place.

However, lesbian and gay rights campaigners remained critical. Peter Tatchell, of Outrage, said: "The bishop is still prevaricating. Calling for a rethink of church policy is not good enough. We won't be satisfied until he endorses and accepts gay clergy in all ranks of the Church without discrimination."

Richard Kirker, of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, said the Church of England should formally grant "a general amnesty" to all clergy who had been involved in consensual, same-sex relationships.

Asked on *Sunday* whether he had considered resigning, Bishop Turnbull said: "I gave very considerable thought to that." A number of arguments decided him against. "One was, would my staying harm or hinder the work of the gospel? It seemed to me at that time that it could hinder it. It could for instance bring the Church into some kind of disrepute and lower its credibility."

But he decided he had a vocation to carry on. "Not to go on would probably be a denial of the gospel and a win for the forces of darkness." He had wondered, however, if he could cope with the implications of what had happened: "This thing is not going to be forgotten or die. I'm going to be associated with it to some degree, probably for the rest of my ministry."

But he decided "that with family support and the support of people immediately surrounding me now, that even when it most hurt, it could be a force for the good of the gospel".

He said he hoped the original incident, which occurred when he was chaplain to the Archbishop of York, "was out of character and just a one-off incidence".

When he said he was not and never had been a homosexual, he was "trying to make a distinction between an incident and a lifestyle".

There was no decision to keep the incident secret. "Whether it was secret wasn't in my hands or anyone else's hands." He had been surprised by the number of letters he had received from people who knew of the incident. "A lot of people knew. It was pretty common knowledge."

Boy, 5, dies after petrol is used on bonfire

BY ROBIN YOUNG

TWO people died and six were seriously hurt on Guy Fawkes night. Most incidents were caused by the use of petrol or other accelerants on bonfires.

Sam Duggan, 5, of Birmingham, died at an organised firework party in the car park of the Red Lion public house in West Bromwich.

The bonfire, which had been doused in petrol, exploded when lit by Steve Lynex, the landlord of the pub and a former footballer with Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Leicester. Mr Lynex suffered injuries and burns to his head and chest. Five others were injured, four seriously, when the explosion sent large pieces of wood into the crowd.

Robert and Mary Duggan said yesterday that no one was to blame for the death of Sam, one of three brothers. Mr Duggan, 33, said: "It was just one of those tragic accidents. I've known Steve [Lynex] for a long time. He's definitely not to blame for what has happened." Fire chiefs said that using petrol was "ignorant". Fire officer David Lane said: "It is a terrible tragedy that someone should die in this way. It is irresponsible to pour an accelerant of this nature on to a bonfire. You will get an explosion every time."

Edmund Rannachan, 29, of Linwood, Strathclyde, was killed when he was trapped by a falling tree after cutting branches to make a bonfire near Ardlui, on Loch Lomond. Mr Rannachan and another man were camping at the site with 12 sea cadets.

In Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, Terry Moran, 15, suffered 60 per cent burns when he was engulfed in flames as he attempted to light a bonfire by hurling paint thinner on to damp wood.

Margaret Barlow, 64, the Mayor of Caerwys, Clwyd, suffered burns when lighting the town bonfire.

In Nailsea, Avon, a rocket smashed through an upstairs window of Noel and Nikki Redshaw's house, exploding on their children's bunk beds and causing a serious fire.



Steve Lynex, left, who was injured in the accident that killed Sam Duggan

Schools choosing cheaper teachers

BY A STAFF REPORTER

LOCAL management of schools has led heads and governors to appoint less-experienced teachers, the Audit Commission said yesterday. The spending watchdog "could not disprove" the claim that less experienced staff were being employed because they were cheaper.

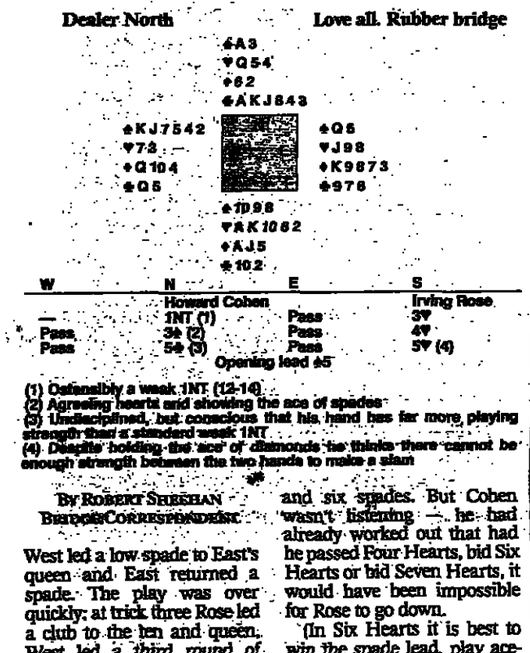
The allegation has been made by teaching unions, which say the delegation to schools of at least 85 per cent of their budgets is distorting the balance in the profession. As schools seek to save money, more experienced, and expensive, teachers are being forced out of jobs, the unions say.

The commission examined 74 schools and found the average salary of newly appointed teachers had dropped in each of the past three years from slightly over scale 7 to just over scale 5.

John Vaughan-Jones, the commission's assistant director of local government studies, said: "Many people are suggesting that governors have strong financial incentives to appoint teachers who come lower on the salary scale. This does seem to be a trend."

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer North **Love all. Rubber bridge**



W	N	E	S
	Howard Cohen		Irving Rose
—	1NT (1)	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠ (2)	Pass	4♥
Pass	5♠ (3)	Pass	5♥ (4)

Opening lead ♠5

(1) Ostensibly a weak 1NT (12-14).
(2) Agreeing hearts and showing the ace of spades.
(3) Undisciplined, but conscious that his hand has far more playing strength than a standard weak 1NT.
(4) Despite holding the ace of diamonds he thinks there cannot be enough strength between the two hands to make a slam.

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

West led a low spade to East's queen and East returned a spade. The play was over quickly; at trick three Rose led a club to the ten and queen. West led a third round of spades, ruffed low in dummy and over-ruffed for one down.

Rose explained that his play catered for all 3-2 breaks in clubs and hearts, except for the unlucky case where West started with the queen of clubs and six spades. But Cohen wasn't listening — he had already worked out that had he passed Four Hearts, bid Six Hearts or bid Seven Hearts, it would have been impossible for Rose to go down.

(In Six Hearts it is best to win the spade lead, play ace-king of clubs and ruff a third club with the ten of hearts, then draw trumps ending in dummy. In Seven Hearts, the declarer has to hope to make six tricks in clubs, and that duly rolls home).

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Grandmasterly research

Who was the first grandmaster? It is normally held that the first grandmasters were created by Czar Nicholas II at the St Petersburg tournament of 1914.

The recipients of the title were: Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, Tarrasch and Marshall. Following up a clue from the *Oxford Companion to Chess*, Barry Martin, chess captain of the Chelsea Arts Club, has now demonstrated that the term is considerably older.

Martin's research shows that in *Bells Life*, a popular Sunday paper, of February 18, 1838, a leading British player, William Lewis, is referred to as "our past grandmaster". Here is a sample of play by the man whom the latest research indicates to have been the first player described as a grandmaster in print.

As can be seen from this game, Lewis specialised in spectacular smothered checkmates with a knight.

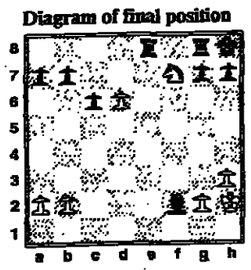
White played the following game at odds of his queen's rook on a1. This piece should be removed from the board before the game is played over.

White: W Lewis
Black: B Keen
London, 1817

Guioco Piano

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bc4	Bc5
4	c3	d6
5	0-0	Nf6
6	d4	exd4
7	cxd4	Bb6
8	h3	Nxe4
9	Re1	d5
10	Bxd5	Qxd5
11	Nc3	Qd8
12	Rxe4+	Ne7
13	Qe2	Be6
14	Bg5	Qd6
15	Bxe7	Kxe7
16	d5	Rhd8
17	Ng5	c6
18	Nxe6	bxe6
19	Rxe6+	Qxe6
20	Qxe6+	Kf8
21	d6	Re8
22	Of5+	Kg8
23	Ne4	Rf8
24	Qe6+	Kh8
25	Ng5	Bxf2+
26	Kh2	Rae8
27	Nf7+	Kg8
28	Nh6+	Kh8
29	Qg8+	Rxg8
30	Nf7	checkmate

Diagram of final position



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Labour's intention to abolish the right of hereditary peers to vote in the upper house is a reform in the wrong direction

Lords slumber on as debate rages

*Life peerages are as difficult to justify as hereditary ones, with patronage becoming a strong political tool. **Vernon Bogdanor** believes that most proposals for reform of the Lords are a means to other ends*

agenda

During the Napoleonic wars, according to Gilbert and Sullivan in *Iolanthe*, the Lords "did nothing in particular and did it very well". Today, their peculiar constitution means they are unable to use their powers to the full. They retain an absolute veto over secondary legislation and can delay Bills, other than money Bills, for one session.

However, since the 1949 Parliament Act, they have only once rejected government legislation: the War Crimes Bill in 1990, which was passed over the Lords veto a year later. Nevertheless, reform of the Lords is once more on the political agenda, with Labour committed to abolishing the right of hereditary peers to speak and vote.

The House of Lords is the only second chamber in the democratic world in which the hereditary element predominates. About two-thirds of the 1,200 or so peers are hereditary, the remainder being life peers, the bulk of whom are nominated by party leaders.

Lacking democratic legitimacy, the Lords normally accommodate themselves to the Government of the day rather than provoking conflict: and, removed from the electoral marketplace, peers are able to undertake such technical and unglamorous work as the scrutiny of European legislation. They can also influence government legislation as, for example, in the recent Criminal Justice and Police and Magistrates' Courts Acts.

The Lords also have a constitutional function, for the consent of the upper chamber is required before the life of the Commons can be extended or a judge dismissed. So the House of Lords protects both the independence of the judiciary and the rights of the electorate.

Why, then, consider reforming what Lord Beaverbrook called The House of Make Believe? For two reasons: because the composition of the Lords cannot be rationally defended; and because the Lords are unable to check an all-powerful Government.

The idea of an hereditary peerage may indeed by archaic, yet life peerages are at least as difficult to justify. The purpose of the Life Peerages Act of 1958 was to increase the number of Labour and Liberal peers so that the House should not be swamped by Conservative hereditary peers: yet the system has been used by every Prime Minister to reward their favourites.

In no other democracy is the party composition of part of the legislature determined by the Government of the day. Yet Labour and the Liberal Democrats remain willing accomplices in what has become the largest quango in the land. Perhaps the Nolan Commission could be persuaded to investigate?

The House of Lords, despite life peerages, is still dominated by the Conservatives. A one-party legislature is as offensive, surely, as a one-party State. To deprive hereditary peers of their right to vote would simply increase the ability of party leaders to swamp the Lords with their nominees.

The peculiar composition of the Lords prevents it from acting as a defender of the constitution. Whether the issue be Maastricht or the abolition of the GLC, the Lords find themselves impotent. In every other major democracy, except Canada, the elective element predominates in the upper house. The problem, however, is to decide *how* an upper house should be elected, for it must be based on a different principle of representation from the Commons.

Some have argued that the Lords should be elected by proportional representation. That, however, might give the Lords greater legitimacy than the Commons, since it would seem more genuinely representative. Then, if the Lords were to clash with the Commons, many would argue that the Lords' will should prevail.

Many Liberal Democrats favour an upper house representing the nations and regions of Britain, just as the American Senate represents the states. But is regional consciousness in England strong enough to sustain a federal upper house?

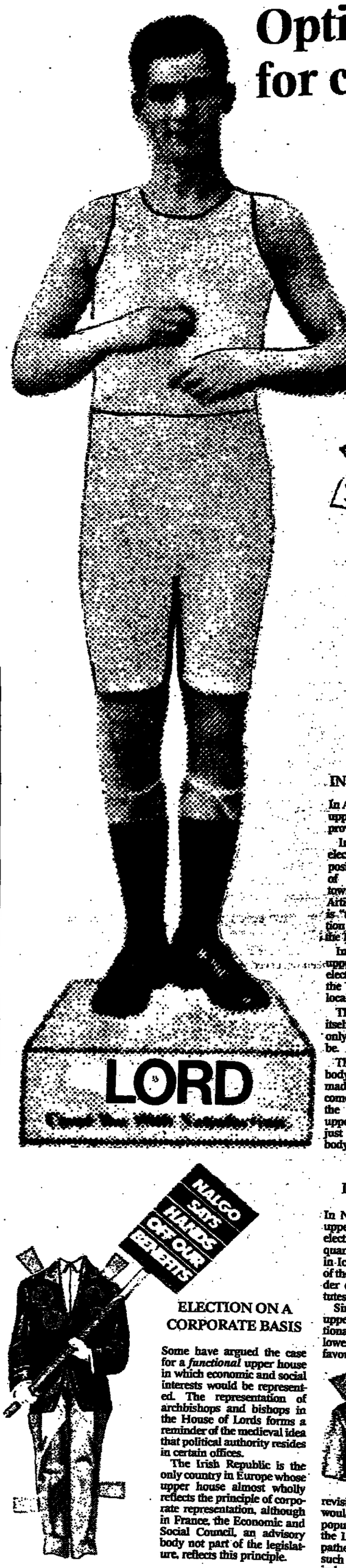
The difficulty reformers face is that an upper house with greater democratic legitimacy would be more willing to use its powers. Some method would have to be found to resolve disagreements between the two houses. Yet any institution designed to resolve disagreement might become a third arbitrating chamber with very considerable power.

An alternative might be to propose that the Government has power to invoke a referendum when unable to overcome the opposition of the second chamber. Yet it is difficult to imagine any Government being willing to surrender its authority in this way.

It seems that many proposals for reform of the Lords are really a means to achieve other ends — proportional representation or devolution — by the back door. Until we have decided how we want to elect the House of Commons, and whether we want devolution, how can we come to a sensible decision on the place of a second chamber in our constitution? Surely reform of the Lords should come *after* not *before* these other reforms.

The Lords, therefore, appear likely to slumber on undisturbed, a unique example of the British genius which, almost alone in the democratic world, has succeeded in evolving a unicameral legislature comprising two chambers.

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Options for change

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INDIRECT ELECTION

In Austria, a federal state, the upper house is elected by the provincial assemblies.

In France, it is chosen by an electoral college, whose composition is weighted in favour of rural areas and small towns. The aim, according to Article 24 of the Constitution, is "to ensure the representation of the territorial units of the Republic".

In The Netherlands, the upper house is chosen by an electoral college composed of the provincial councils, the local government units.

The trouble is that territory itself cannot be represented; only individual electors can be.

The electoral college, the body from which the choice is made, is quite likely to become just another arena for the party battle. Then the upper house also becomes just another party political body.

ELECTION BY LOWER HOUSE

In Norway and Iceland, the upper house is composed by electing a proportion — a quarter in Norway and a third in Iceland — of the members of the legislature. The remainder of the legislature constitutes the lower house.

Since party strengths in the upper house will be proportional to their strength in the lower, a reform of this type is favoured by those who seek a



revising chamber which would be unable to thwart the popular will. Hugh Gaitskell, the Labour leader, was sympathetic to it in the 1950s. But such upper houses lack the independent authority to provide constitutional protection. Norway and Iceland can more properly be regarded as examples of modified unicameral systems rather than being genuinely bicameral.

It is not surprising, therefore, that, when early in the century a previous left-wing government considered reform, one of its members, Edwin Montagu, wrote to the Prime Minister, Herbert Asquith, in November 1909: "The history of all former attempts at coming to close quarters with the House of Lords Questions shows a record of disorder, dissipation of energy, of words and solemn exhortation, of individual rhetoric and impressive *ipse dixits* without any definite scheme of action, nothing more substantial than dark hints of preconceived plans."

ELECTION ON A CORPORATE BASIS

Some have argued the case for a *functional* upper house in which economic and social interests would be represented. The representation of archbishops and bishops in the House of Lords forms a reminder of the medieval idea that political authority resides in certain offices.

The Irish Republic is the only country in Europe whose upper house almost wholly reflects the principle of corporate representation, although in France, the Economic and Social Council, an advisory body not part of the legislature, reflects this principle.



DIRECT ELECTION

The strongest upper houses are in federal states, Australia, Switzerland and the United States. In neither Switzerland nor the United States, however, is the government responsible to parliament as it is in Britain.

Their systems are based not upon ministerial responsibility but upon the separation of powers. In Australia, where the Senate can withhold supply, it caused the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, to dismiss the Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam, in 1975.

Whenever the two houses are equal or nearly equal in authority, the government may find itself at the mercy of the upper house.

Yet a cabinet can only be responsible to one chamber: it cannot be responsible to two.



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Those who fought for freedom emphasise need to educate the younger generation

Veterans point to enduring lesson of remembrance

John Young, in a week-long series of articles, considers the contemporary significance of remembrance ceremonies

ON SUNDAY the parades of bemedalled veterans, and the accompanying crowds, will again assemble at the Cenotaph and at war memorials across the country to commemorate those who gave their lives in two world wars and subsequent conflicts.

Remembrance Day has been observed every November since 1919, except during the Second World War, but the number of survivors from the two world wars becomes steadily smaller. The ranks of veterans have been augmented by those who fought in Korea, Malaya, the Falkland Islands and the Gulf, but the battles of 1914-18 and 1939-45 still exert the greatest hold on the national consciousness.

But for how many more years will homage continue to be paid to those who fought and died at Ypres and on the Somme, in the deserts of North Africa, on the beaches of Sicily and Normandy and in the jungles of Asia? This year it was 80 years since the outbreak of the First World War, and next year it will be half a century since the ending of the Second. Will there not come a time when commemoration will be seen to have outlived its purpose?

That question was posed more than 60 years ago when a leading article in *The Times* of 1931 observed: "There are some who fear lest the form of the celebration should outlive the spirit; either that Armistice Day should fall into general neglect and be kept up in appearance only, or that it should be degraded into a public show attended only by those who neither knew nor cared what was its origin and *whom it honoured.*"

Although there was no sign then that the public was losing its love for its dead, or its memory of what they did, the time must come when those who remembered had all passed away, it said. "If the effect of their sacrifice was but temporary, if that for which they died has been lost or betrayed or frittered away, then indeed it will be time to stop commemorating them, for truth's sake and for very shame."

In the 1930s, despite its pro-appeasement editorial stance, *The Times* devoted an annual leading article to supporting a ceremony of national remembrance. In November 1939, shortly after the outbreak of war, it observed poignantly that "unhappy circumstances compel its disuse". Many people were asking why a day of remembrance should be retained if the memories were of frustrated hopes and wasted sacrifice.

In 1946 Attlee told Parliament that the dates 1939-1945 would be added to the Cenotaph commemorating "The Glorious Dead" but that Armistice Day would be transferred to the Sunday closest to November 11 and would henceforward be known as Remembrance Sunday. The ceremony has continued uninterruptedly during half a century of peace.

Ted Johson, national chairman of the Royal British Legion, has no doubt that we still need it. "I always look upon remembrance as a salutary lesson," he says. "When people go to war, it is because nations and governments have made the decision. Ordinary people would rather not do so.

"Remembrance is not the glorification of war. It is not John Wayne heroics. But it is a fact that in war the young get killed and wounded and, unless we remember that, there is a danger that today's youth will become gung-ho and the past will repeat itself.

"We need to get across to young people that war is not fun. Fighting is totally tragic and twice this century we have lost an entire generation, the backbone of the country."

Leslie Frost, chairman of the Normandy Veterans' Association, who was a gunner in the D-Day landings, said that the younger generations needed to be reminded, through Remembrance Day ceremonial, that people had died so that they could live in freedom.

"I think that by this demonstration the younger generation will recognise our sincerity and will learn that freedom and democracy have to be paid for. If commemorating the dead was simply a question of reuniting old comrades and reviving personal memories, then obviously it would die out in a few years' time. I hope that will not be the case."



Remembrance Day has been observed since 1919



Sir Alfred "Toby" Rawlinson (1867-1934) spent 20 months in a Turkish jail after the Dunsterforce expedition in 1918

Pioneer pilot with a licence to thrill

BY JOHN SHAW

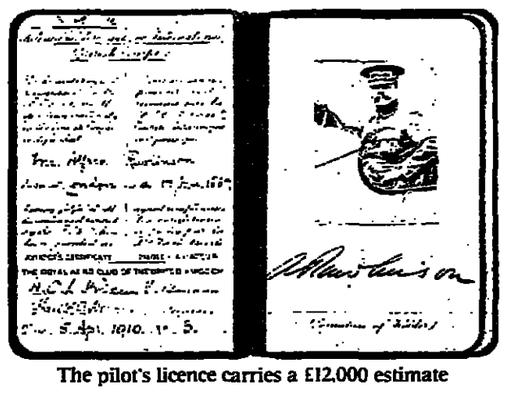
A SOUVENIR of the robust early days of aviation is to be auctioned for an estimated £12,000 at Christie's, South Kensington. The third pilot's licence issued in Britain, to *Sir Alfred "Toby" Rawlinson* in 1910, is being sold by his grandson Sir Anthony Rawlinson on November 18.

The booklet, showing a sturdy, moustachioed figure viewing the world with vigorous self-confidence, gives some sense of a remarkable man now little known.

Rawlinson, who was born in 1867, had a conventional upbringing but his imagination was fired by the advent of the motor car and he secured the British agency for French Darracq engines.

He drove at Brooklands and learnt to fly in France in 1909. He bought a Farman biplane and fitted it with a new four-cylinder Darracq aero engine. The aircraft was brought home and he was soon flying in the company of J.T.C. Moore-Brabazon, who obtained the first pilot's licence, and the Hon C.S. Rolls, who obtained the second.

Sir Anthony said: "He was a great character and once had a crash while doing a sharp turn during the races at Hendon airfield. He was thought to be dead and was actually covered with a canvas sheet but a few minutes later frightful noises came from underneath, and this rather cross and angry man kicked it off and shouted, 'You can't bury me yet, you know'."



The pilot's licence carries a £12,000 estimate

But another heavy crash put an end to aerial adventures. When war broke out, Rawlinson was put in charge of the defence of London after public opinion became enraged by the apparent lack of measures against Zeppelin and Gotha bombing raids.

Rawlinson had a staff of 190 based at Kenwood House, on Hampstead Heath. He supervised the operation in his Darracq mounted with machineguns and decorated with German helmets.

The provisions were not only effective but economical and the measures saved thousands of lives. With the war drawing to a close he moved *on to yet another adventure* with the little remembered Dunsterforce in July 1918.

This was formed by Major-General L.C. Dunsterville with the aim of securing the railway to Tbilisi and Baku, *to open communication with* British troops occupying the oil region on the Caspian Sea, an area in turmoil after the Bolshevik revolution.

Rawlinson and his men were eventually captured, thrown into a Turkish jail, starved and nearly died. They spent 20 months in captivity. But their return was triumphant and they were presented to George V at Buckingham Palace.

Sir Alfred, GMG, CBE, and DSO, made and lost several fortunes and finally died peacefully at a flat in Clapham in 1934.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy in love rift found shot dead

A teenage boy killed himself with a shotgun after splitting up with his girlfriend. James Roberts, 17, an apprentice electrician, left a lengthy suicide note for his father before shooting himself in the bathroom of the flat they shared in Bracknell, Berkshire.

Robin Roberts found his son's body early yesterday when he returned from a late shift at the warehouse where he works.

Mr Roberts spent the day at his former wife's house in Bracknell, where he broke the news to her. Thames Valley Police said: "The 17-year-old had suffered a massive shotgun wound. He was alone in the house when he died."

Siege remands

Two men and a woman have appeared in court after a jailbreak that ended in a siege. *James Moore and Richard* Johnson were charged with escaping from Everthorpe prison, Humberside, and Moore's wife Trina was charged with helping their escape. The three were remanded in custody by *Grimsby magistrates.*

Ice work

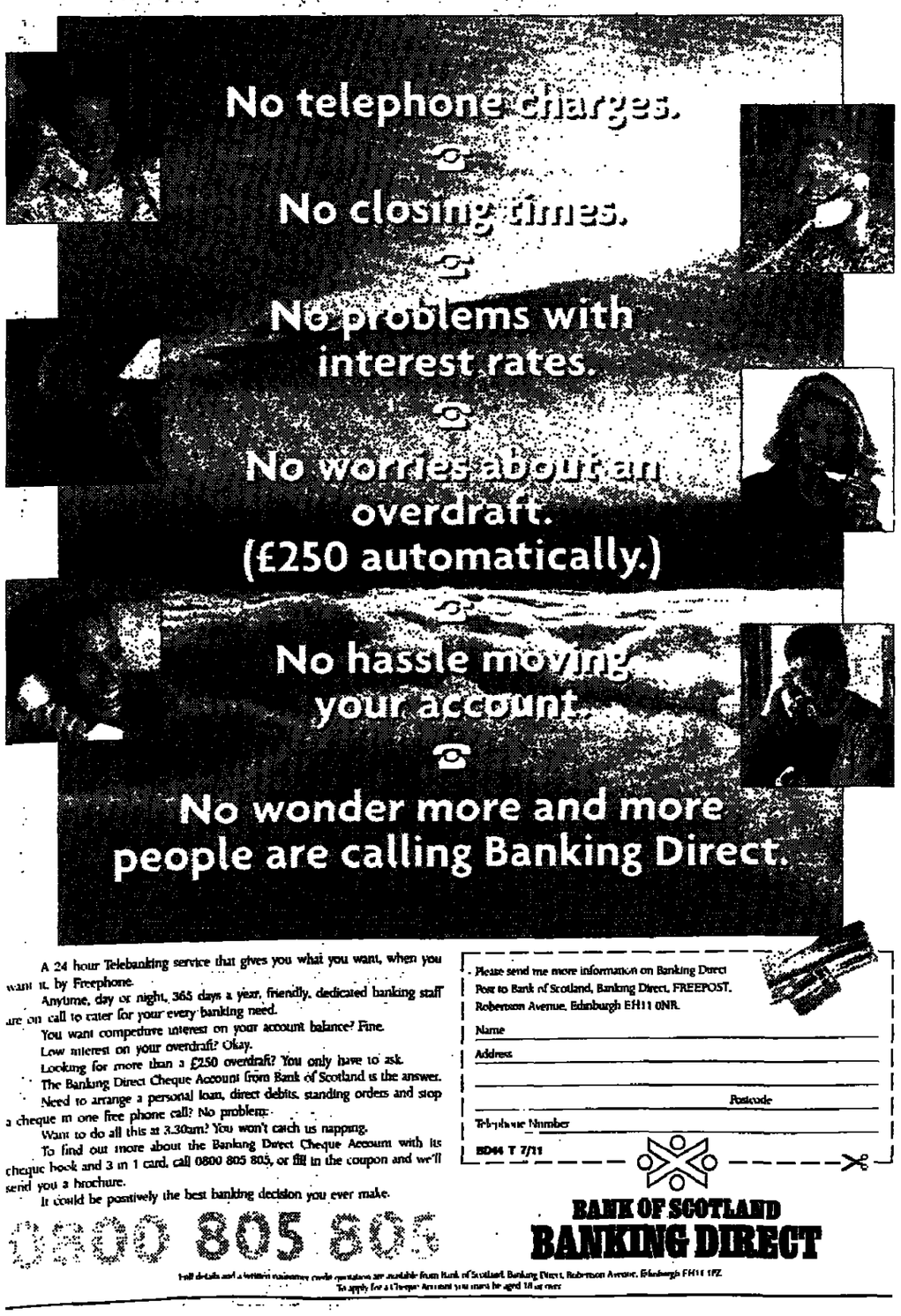
Geologists from the British Antarctic Survey are to examine fossil remains in the Antarctic peninsula to learn about climate changes 145 million years ago, when dinosaurs may have roamed the region. The ice patrol ship *HMS Endurance* will support the scientists' work.

HIV alert

HIV-infected syringes and needles have been stolen from a medical service engineer's car in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. They were contained in black plastic cases marked "Biohazard".

Linen amnesty

Health chiefs have announced an amnesty for the return of 200 pairs of pyjamas, 270 nightdresses, 650 towels and 2,500 pillow cases to hospitals in Southend, Essex.



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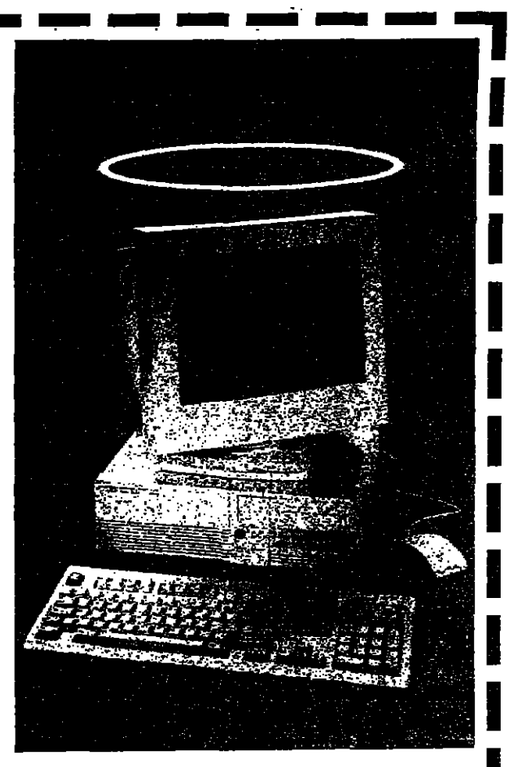
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Campaigners urge clampdown on diet clinic drug menace

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE Government is being urged to introduce laws to control slimming clinics, some of which are prescribing drugs that can have serious side effects.

Despite tough guidelines from the General Medical Council, hundreds of clinics, which do not have to be licensed, are issuing slimming aids known to be harmful.

Diet Breakers, an anti-diet group, is campaigning for laws to control the often-costly clinics. They want them to be licensed and to have tough restrictions on prescription of drugs. Mary Evans Young, director of the Banbury-based group, receives 400 letters a week, many from women who suffered insomnia and dizziness after being prescribed appetite suppressants.

"These clinics are a marketing man's dream. Their very existence capitalises on women's negative body image, but also exploits it in a way that can be dangerous," Ms Evans Young said.

The clinics are often visited by women who want to lose weight quickly, and are prescribed amphetamine-like drugs to help to speed the effect of dieting. But the *British National Formulary* says: "Use of the amphetamine-like drugs diethylpropion, mazindol and phentermine [as appetite suppressants] is not justified, as any possible benefits are outweighed by the risk involved."

Last year the GMC issued recommendations on the use of slimming drugs, emphasising that appetite suppressants, diuretics and thyroid hormone treatments were of no value in weight control.

In January Dr Nigel Gray was struck off by the GMC's professional conduct committee for irresponsibly issuing appetite-suppressants at a clinic in Plymouth. The doses of drugs, including apisate and tenuate dospan, were not regulated and patients experienced side effects including hypertension, hallucinations, insomnia and panic attacks.

Other clinics continue to issue drugs unnecessarily. One woman, who did not want to be named, went to a slimming clinic in Kent after deciding she wanted to lose a stone. She was not overweight, but as well as a diet plan was given drugs including diethylpropion and a diuretic. "I lost a few pounds initially, which I put back on again straightaway, but I was left feeling jittery and dizzy," she said.



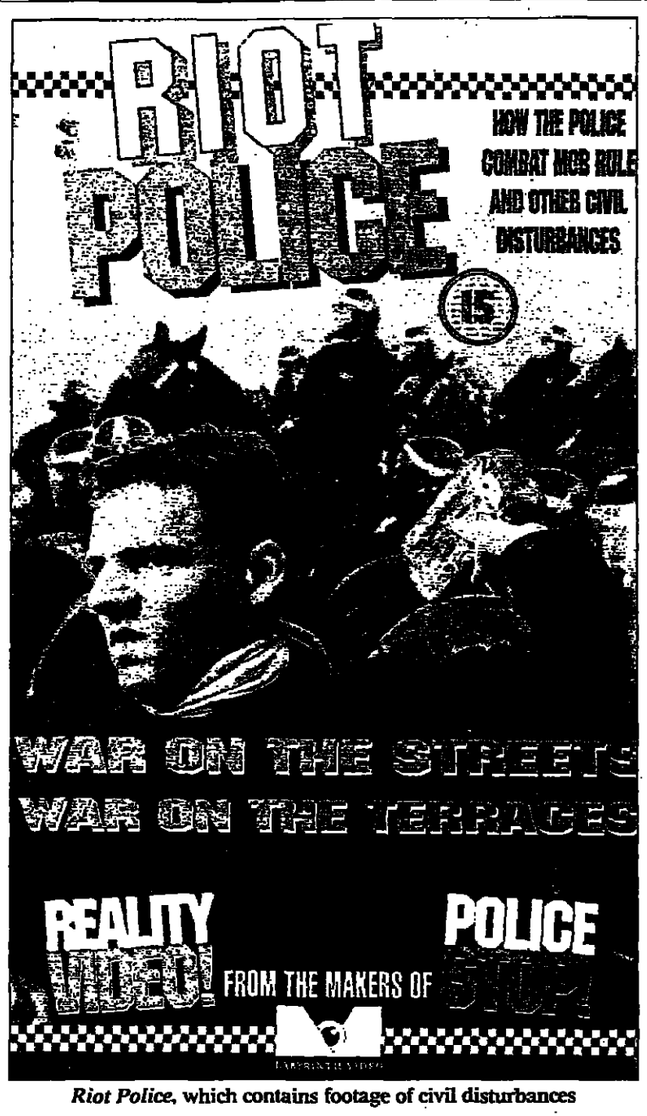
Gray: irresponsibly prescribed diet drugs

A teenage girl, already underweight at seven stones, visited a clinic in central London where she was given appetite suppressants and diuretics to enable her to lose another stone in two weeks.

The GMC said: "There is no jurisdiction over slimming clinics. Anyone can set one up. The GMC can only act on a complaint registered against a particular doctor." It has received 14 complaints about clinics, from doctors and the public, in the past year.

Marie Stannard, deputy editor of *Slimming* magazine, said: "Anything that promises quick weight loss of more than 2lb a week is ridiculous and dangerous. You can end up losing lean muscle tissue, not fat, and you will only replace your short-term weight loss as soon as you stop taking the pills. The only safe way to lose weight is to change your long-term eating habits."

The GMC advises anyone who wants specialist dietary advice to see their GP, who can refer them to a qualified professional.



Riot Police, which contains footage of civil disturbances

Video release of world's worst riots angers police

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A VIDEO showing explicit coverage of some of the world's worst crowd disturbances goes on sale today. Police chiefs have reacted with anger to the distribution of *Riot Police*, made by the same company that brought out the best-selling *Police Stop!* video of high-speed car chases.

The latest film from Labyrinth Video is being released only weeks after a wave of public order disturbances sparked by the Criminal Justice Bill. *Riot Police* examines the history of riots in Britain and argues that the police have been forced to harden their tactics.

It shows British police in riot training and discusses the changes in equipment for front-line officers. The video is an A-Z of Britain's worst riots including Brixton, Toxteth, Handsworth, the miners' strike of 1984-85 and the poll tax clashes of 1990.

It also examines the use of water cannon and tear gas by police forces in France and Germany and contains explicit scenes from the riots of Los Angeles in 1992 in which 44 people died and more than 2,000 were injured after police officers accused of beating Rodney King were cleared.

Leading academics are heard giving their views on riots and claiming that the British police have been "amateurish" in their handling of most of them. Geoffrey Pearson, Professor of Criminology at London University, said: "It has a lot of violence because it is about riots which are very violent. All the footage is clips that have been seen on the television news. The video is not manufactured violence or glamorised as in many television drama series. It is a factual account of the history of riots and how police attitudes have changed. It takes a serious look at a subject that is very much in the forefront of public opinion at the moment."

The outcry prompted by the success of *Police Stop!* led many chief constables to give no more footage to Labyrinth.

Judges to monitor cameras in court

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Chief Justice and other senior judges will be monitoring the first experiment in allowing television cameras into British trials when the results are broadcast next week.

A BBC2 six-part documentary, *The Trial*, will show viewers what happens in courts, including the first High Court trial to be broadcast, when it starts on November 18. It is expected to be followed early next year by live coverage of the Scottish Court of Appeal.

In England and Wales, cameras are banned in courts or courtroom precincts under the Criminal Justice Act 1925, despite recent efforts to change the law. Scotland is not covered by the prohibition, although no cameras have been permitted.

The breakthrough came after Scotland's most senior judge, Lord Hope, the Lord President, agreed to allow a controlled experiment in televised justice. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice in England and Wales; and Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, will be watching *The Trial* closely as pressure increases for legislation to allow similar experiments.

Nick Catliff, producer of *The Trial*, said: "I believe it will show judges and the profession that televising trials does not mean American-style and O.J. Simpson."

Science gives joints new life

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

CARTILAGE grown in the laboratory may soon be used to resurface joints damaged in accidents or by disease. The new material would repair knees and other joints without requiring replacement by a metal implant.

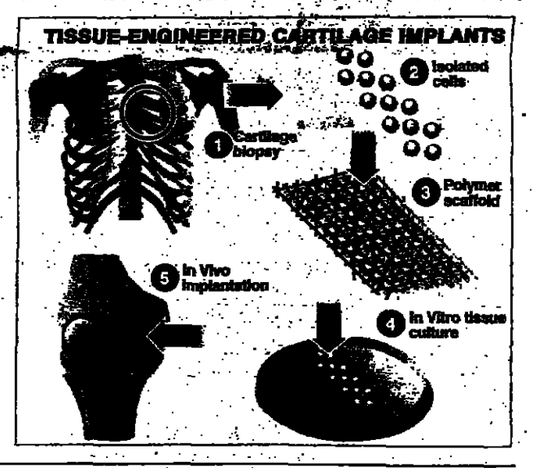
The cartilage would be introduced into the knee by keyhole surgery techniques causing a minimum of pain and disruption.

The key to the process, called tissue engineering, is the ability to grow cartilage cells in culture, developed in a partnership between Smith & Nephew and the California company Advanced Tissue Sciences. Similar methods could be used to grow skin and ligaments.

Cartilage is often damaged in sports injuries and current treatments involve its removal. This inevitably reduces the performance of the joint and can increase pain and the risks of arthritis. Professor Alan Suggett, research director of Smith & Nephew, says that as cartilage has no blood supply, there is no problem of rejection. This means that there is no need for tissue matching or transplant drugs.

To repair a joint, surgeons would remove the damaged area of cartilage, using very fine instruments that avoid the need for big incisions. Then they would insert a piece of the laboratory-grown variety — created from donor cells — into the space, allowing it to bond to undamaged regions of the patient's own cartilage.

Researchers are working on ways of giving the cartilage a long shelf-life. Professor Suggett expects the most suitable patients to be younger people who are poorly served by replacement joints that have a limited life.



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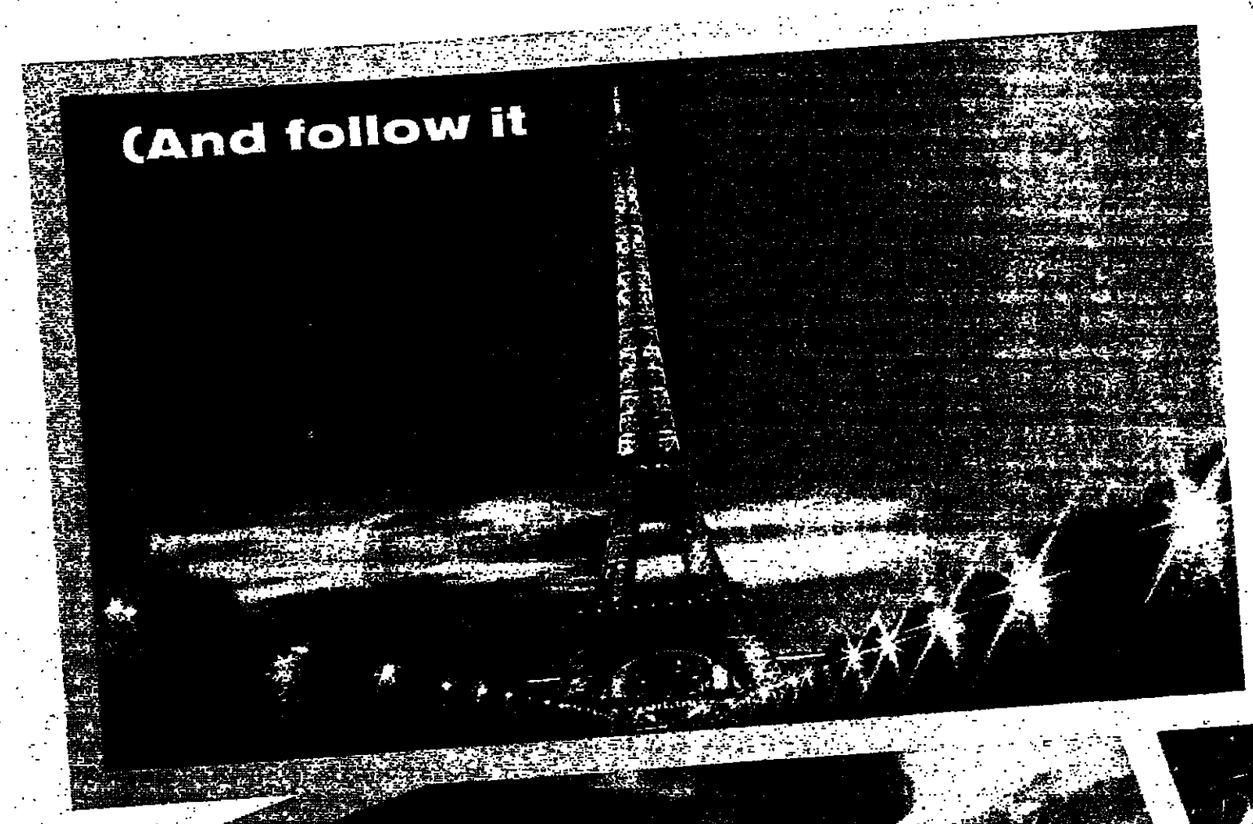
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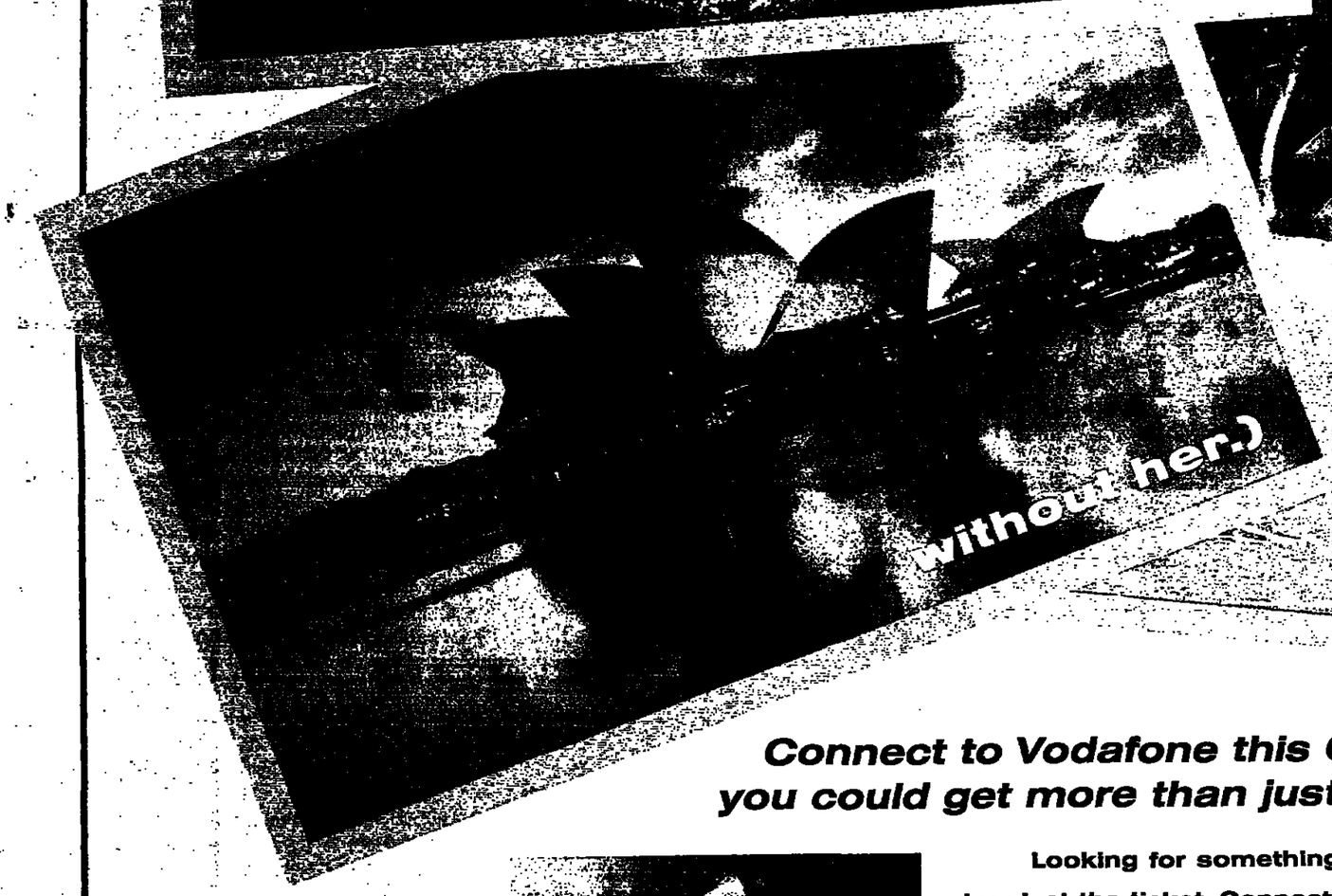
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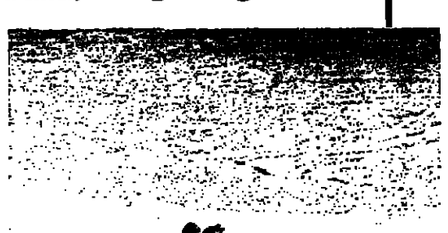
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Nato planes warn Sarajevo Serb and Muslim artillery

Fighting intensifies in Bosnia

BY TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AS FIGHTING increased sharply in several parts of Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday, Nato combat aircraft were called in to warn off Bosnian Serbs and government forces after serious breaches of the Sarajevo ceasefire by both sides.

With artillery fire erupting near the capital, two Nato planes flew low over the positions of both warring factions to try to stop the gunfire. A United Nations spokesman said the fighting began after Bosnian government forces fired four mortar rounds from Hrasnica, a southern Sarajevo suburb, at Serb positions in Ilidza, southwest of the capital. A senior Bosnian army officer accused the Serbs of firing first.

The Serbs later tried unsuccessfully to remove an anti-tank weapon from a heavy weapons collection site, firing shots at Ukrainian UN troops. Up to 15 heavy artillery rounds were fired by both sides during the incident, according to the UN. Officials in government-held Hrasnica said that four civilians were wounded, one seriously, in the shelling. The Serbs said that three civilians were wounded in Ilidza.

Although the threat of Nato action finally brought an end to the shelling, a pitched battle for Bosanska Krupa in northwestern Bosnia continued yesterday, with the Muslims and the Serbs suffering heavy casualties. Government forces have been attacking the town since launching an offensive 12 days ago, forcing the Serbs to retreat in northwestern and central Bosnia and taking some 95 square miles of territory in the Bihac pocket.

In Zagreb, international mediators were told of Croatia's fear that the conflict in the heavy fighting in the northwest could spill across the border into Krajina, the breakaway Serb mini-state. Mate Granic, the Croatian Foreign Minister, talking to ambassadors from the Contact Group of countries which are attempting to find a solution to the war, said 2,000 Serbs from Knin, the "capital" of Krajina, were taking part in the Bosnian conflict.

Meanwhile, Croat and Bosnian government forces tightened their grip on Kupres, the town 60 miles west of Sarajevo which was retaken in a joint offensive last week. They also seemed to be preparing to strike at the heartland of Serb-held western Bosnia. Although there were fears of a Serb counterattack, General Mehmed Alagic, commander of the Bosnian army's 7th Corps which was largely responsible for seizing Kupres, said: "We will not stop at what we have achieved."

General Alagic's goal appears to be to link up with the 5th Corps, which opened the government's broad offensive by breaking Serb lines around the northwestern Muslim-enclave of Bihac. The 5th drove south and east and is now outside Bosanska Krupa. Major Herve Gourmelon, the UN spokesman in Sarajevo, said the next target could be the Serb-held town of Donji Vakuf. The town lies just north of Bugojno. General Alagic's 7th Corps headquarters, along a main road leading into Serb-held territory in western Bosnia.

About 20 miles north of Donji Vakuf is Jajce, a strategic town occupied by the Serbs and the location of vital hydro-electric stations that provide 60 per cent of the power to Serb-held areas of Bosnia. Further to the north lies the Serb stronghold of Banja Luka.

The Yugoslav government broke its silence to lash out at the combined Muslim-Croat offensive in Bosnia and to attack American policy. In a communiqué the government of the Yugoslav republics of Serbia and Montenegro demanded an unconditional halt to the fighting by "all parties" and said that the current Contact Group peace plan remained "the only rational way ... to a fair and durable settlement". The statement condemned what it called a "deliberate and massive violation of the ceasefire agreement on the part of Muslim and Croat forces".

Although not identifying the United States by name, it also attacked the "open support" of one member of the Contact Group which, by supporting the lifting of the arms embargo on the Bosnian government, had "encouraged the Muslims to fight on".

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Bonn pressed to supply jets

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German government is coming under growing Allied pressure to take a more active military role in the Balkans now that constitutional restraints have been eased on combat missions abroad.

Der Spiegel magazine, published today, says that America, Belgium and The Netherlands are asking Bonn to contribute fighter aircraft to the supervision of the no-fly zone (dubbed Operation Deny Flight) over Bosnia. The gist of the report was confirmed yesterday by defence specialists, who described the request as the "first big test of modern Germany's resolve as a military — rather than merely a political or economic — power". Until now, German servicemen have been taking part only in missions in airborne warning and contol system (Awacs) reconnaissance planes over the war zone. But a German Constitutional Court ruling in July gave Bonn a virtually free hand in contributing to United Nations peacekeeping outside the Nato area.

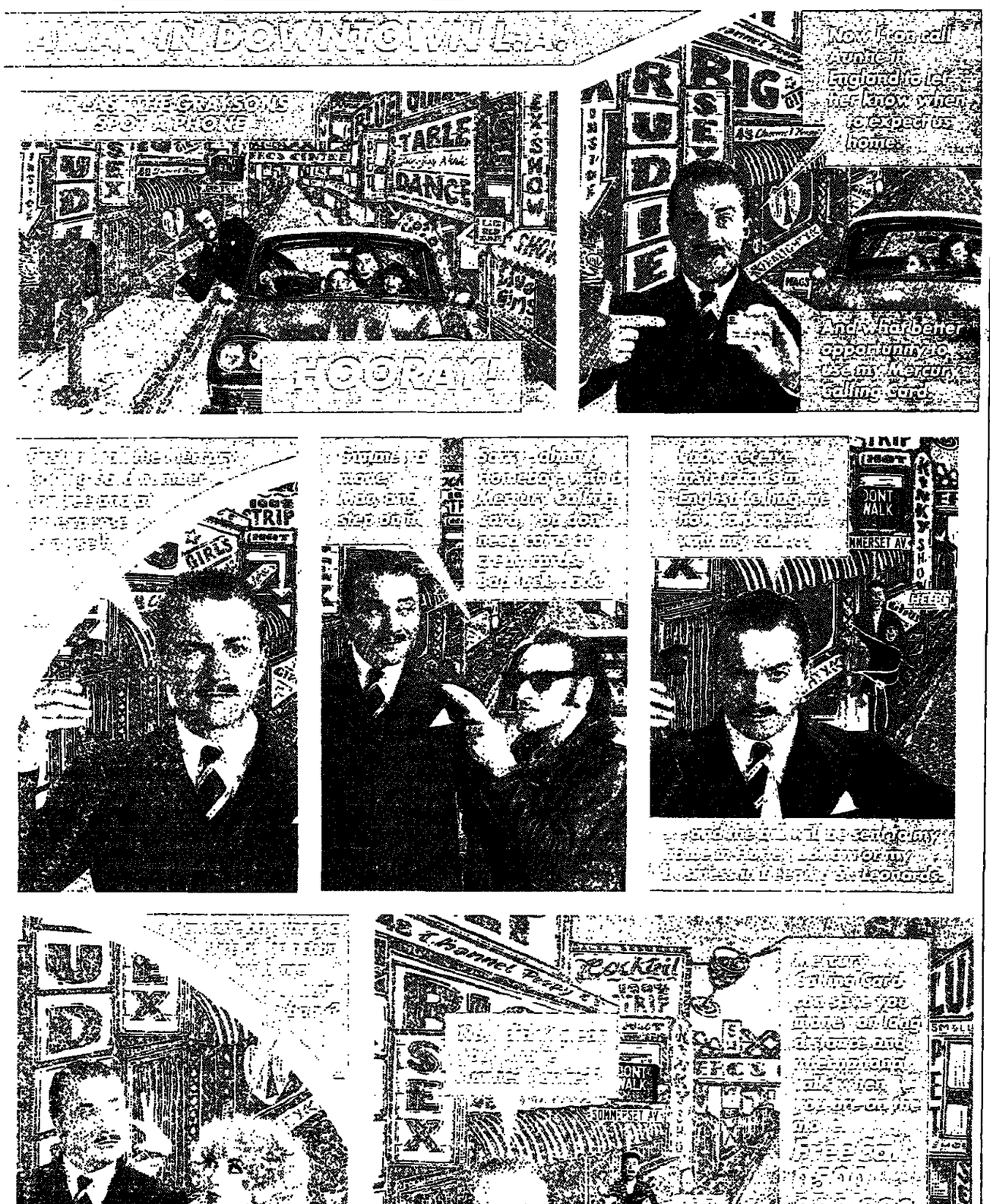
The Defence and Foreign Ministries say there has been no "formal demand" from the Allies, but it is now known that a web of contacts has been spun between German and other Nato planning staff to prepare for German service abroad.

Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, believes that the first mission under the new ruling should not be in the Balkans because of memories of Nazi war crimes against the Serbs. Some Defence Ministry officials argue that there is not enough money to supply the fighter units. American diplomats are prodding Germany at least to supply soldiers to release the current US contingent, serving under UN auspices, in Macedonia. Bonn is not keen on that idea either, since German troops in Macedonia could provoke rather than ease tension.

The Germans would prefer their first military adventure to be as part of a UN force in Nagorno-Karabakh policing a buffer zone between Azerbaijanis and Armenians.



The Pope in Catania, Sicily, yesterday on his first official visit since cancelling his trip to America last month because of his slow recovery from hip replacement surgery in April. After months of trying to hide his cane, he joked about it with young people in Syracuse, telling them he was taking it to the Philippines in January. He continued his campaign against violent crime, urging the Mafia-infested island to change its ways.



Broken Wall fails to build Berlin's unity

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, IN BERLIN

Five years ago on Wednesday this week, the world watched in rapture as the communist dam burst and tens of thousands of East Berliners poured into the West. Bewildered border guards peered through the newly punched holes in the Wall at the human tide flooding across the frontier, and the celebrations began.

Today the party is over and the hangover is beginning to hurt. Ossis and Wessis who were drunk with joy in 1989 are eyeing one another suspiciously. West Berliners talk again of "crossing over" from one side of the city to the other, and grumble about the economic cost of unification. Unemployment reached 13 per cent in western Berlin in September, significantly overtaking that in the east.

"The West thought money would buy happiness, but unification has not been very successful," said Alexander Longolius, a Social Democrat (SPD) member of the Berlin House of Representatives whose Köpenick constituency lies in the east. "There is a sense of them and us."

A rubble-strewn gash still cuts a dividing line between the two sides of Berlin, marking where the Wall used to stand, and the once-sinister Checkpoint Charlie stands now as a pitiful monument to the past, surrounded by the brashest of capitalist symbols, tourist T-shirt stalls. Parts of the Wall remain untouched.

To walk through the Brandenburg Gate and into the old Eastern sector along Unter den Linden is still to walk into another world. It is immediately obvious where west becomes east: pristine and wealthy streets abruptly give way to acres of grim prefabricated blocks of flats, with cranes soaring like gigantic television aerials above them as part of the multibillion-pound renovation programme aimed at countering decades of decay.

Taxis are hard to find in the east and the noble old buildings on Potsdamer Platz still bear the scars of their Nazi and communist past. "East Berlin is an example of more than four decades of mismanagement: a worn-out infrastructure and deteriorating industries; dilapidated buildings in serious need of renovation; antiquated social, medical and educational institutions; and severe environmental problems," the Berlin government says in its handbook on the city. "East Berlin lacks almost every aspect of a modern European city."

The western part of the city, meanwhile, received subsidies of DM20 billion (£8.2 billion) a year by the federal Government during the dark days of division, and critics say this has hobbled the spirit of free enterprise. Many of West Berlin's brightest brains and businesses also left during the 1950s and 1960s to find more stable bases in Frankfurt, Cologne, Munich, Stuttgart or Hanover. "We still have different working hours and wages for civil servants in east and west," said Dr Beate Wagner of the Berlin Senate. "In the east, a third of the working population have lost their jobs since unification, a third had to change jobs and a third are now retraining. We underestimated the problems."

One bright note, however, is that more than 165,000 people from the east of the city and the surrounding area have found work in the west. "The economy in the east broke up within weeks of the Wall coming down, as Russia stopped buying from it," said Herr Longolius. "We didn't realise how long it would take to reunite the city. People on both sides have changed. At first they were very careful and politically correct about how they referred to one another. Now the old vocabulary is coming back."

One of Berlin's most pressing problems is housing. More than 100,000 new homes are needed to cope with the influx of people from other parts of Germany and abroad, as well as for a huge number of single-person households — currently 45 per cent of the total.

In the east of the city, 250,000 communist-era prefabricated flats housing nearly 750,000 people need renovating. This will cost nearly £[illegible] billion.

These bills last week prompted Germany's potential new coalition partners to agree to reimpose from January a controversial "solidarity" tax that was introduced in 1990 and dropped in 1993.



Euphoric Berliners celebrating unification in 1990. Now the city's predominant mood is resentment

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KGB spy 'alerted Kremlin over Chernobyl safety'

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

AS NEW fears were raised about the safety of Russian nuclear power, a former senior intelligence officer revealed that the KGB had once become so alarmed that it spied on the former Soviet industry.

Major General Yuri Drozdov, former chief of the KGB's internal intelligence department, told *Nuvaya Yezhednevnaya Gazeta* that "at that time, certain drawbacks in our nuclear power engineering came to light". He said the KGB recruited a nuclear physicist as a spy, infiltrating him into the industry in the 1970s.

According to General Drozdov, the agent uncovered numerous shortcomings, "and if those concerned had paid attention to his findings in due time, the Chernobyl disaster could have been avoided". The general said the Soviet authorities ignored the material until after the accident.

The claim came as reports suggested that leaked Russian state documents have revealed an increasing threat of nuclear disaster. Officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna say that the documents confirm their worst fears about the state of Russia's nuclear industry.

A secret report by Gosatomnadzor, Russia's atomic industry regulation authority, dated May 13 this year, lists numerous accidents never reported in Russia or the West, including repeated incidents on nuclear ships and submarines. It says that 60 decommissioned submarines have not had their reactors removed despite rules to this effect. It says that they have been "practically turned into floating spent nuclear fuel storage ships", and that the chances of them sinking are "realistic".

The Gosatomnadzor document reports that "there is no state system of control and accounting of nuclear material in Russia". It lists a series of radioactive pollution threats, including a lack of special provision for plutonium, in contradiction of Russian official statements, and that liquid nuclear waste continues to be pumped into ponds.

After accidents at nuclear plants near Tomsk and Chelyabinsk this year, Russian inspectors uncovered "gross violations of techniques and technical regulations", which echo the mistakes leading to the Chernobyl disaster. The report speaks of insufficient education and lack of discipline among staff, and inefficient safety organisation. It also states that dangerous nuclear material is sometimes transported across Russia in unsafe vehicles.

☐ **Cabinet move:** Anatoli Chubais, the liberal Privatisation Minister, was promoted at the weekend to Deputy Prime Minister with responsibility for economic reform in Russia's continuing Cabinet reshuffle. Mr Chubais replaces another reformist, Alexander Shokhin, who resigned on Friday in protest at not being consulted over the appointment of a new Finance Minister.



A man taking refuge on a traffic sign as flood waters swirl over a road near Nice after torrential rain hit the French Riviera. Flooding from the river Var forced the closure of the Nice-Côte d'Azur international airport. The death toll from the flooding in the French Mediterranean region rose to five at the weekend. The latest victim was a tourist in Corsica who tried to cross a flooded river in a four-wheel-drive. Northwestern Italy has also been affected by the storms. Near Turin, at least ten people died and ten more were missing after buildings collapsed. *(AP, Reuter)*

French rethink over master of thought



Voltaire: reputation thrown into doubt

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

HE IS described as the master of French thought, but as Paris prepares to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Voltaire's birth, his reputation has been thrown into doubt.

A new biography by a historian, Pierre Lepape, shows that the philosopher was not the paragon of virtue his admirers believe. Highly talented and fiercely opposed to injustice, Voltaire nevertheless tended to change his mind like the wind, was embittered and anti-Semitic. "It's a Voltaire beneath his legend that we discover in reading the biography of Pierre Lepape," said the magazine, *Le Point*. The philosopher, best known for his battles against the Catholic Church, was "indifferent to the people, contemptuous of the bourgeoisie, fond of gentlemen and jealous of kings". Only Voltaire's wit, evident in such works as *Candide*, allowed him to escape disgrace, the weekly concluded.

Lepape's work is merely one of several biographies, many of them eulogistic, brought out to mark Voltaire's birth on November 21. At the Hôtel de la Monnaie in Paris, France's National Library has put on an exhibition, "Voltaire and Europe", which details the importance of his time in England in the 1720s — an enforced stay after his exile.

But will Lepape's biography sour the celebrations and force the *Larousse Encyclopaedia* to reassess its conclusion that he was "the master of French prose and intellect"? Apparently not. *L'Express* magazine decided that Voltaire's reputation was actually improved by the revelation of his faults. These prevented him from becoming "aseptic and reassuring", it said.

Chirac gearing up for campaign drive

BY ADAM SAGE

JACQUES Chirac, the Gaullist leader, buoyed by a rise in his popularity, was preparing yesterday for a week that could prove decisive in his bid to become president of France.

A snap opinion poll in the wake of his announcement on Friday that he was a candidate showed his ratings had climbed by five percentage points. Of those questioned for the poll by *Le Journal du Dimanche*, 15 per cent said they would vote for M Chirac, who is one point behind Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister. But M Chirac will be careful not to celebrate too soon. According to *Le Monde*, almost all politicians' ratings jump by between three and five points when they announce their candidature.

The poll also indicated that both Gaullist heavyweights would lag behind the likely Socialist candidate, Jacques Delors, the retiring European Commission President, in the first round. To succeed President Mitterrand, M Chirac will need to maintain his momentum. Last night, he was preparing to do just that on television, where he was hoping to bury his reputation as a hothead, observers said.

Drug cartel suspect arrested in Spain

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

CÉSAR Arango, 39, thought to be the Medellín cocaine cartel's chief representative in Europe, has been detained by Spanish anti-drugs officers.

He and nine others were held after the seizure of cocaine shipments from the Colombian cartel. Spain, with its traditional links to South America, is Europe's main cocaine entry point.

Señor Arango was held at his house at Caldes, 14 miles from Barcelona. He was last arrested in Spain in 1986 for possession of 13lb of cocaine.

The consumption of drugs for personal use has been decriminalised in Spain, but trafficking is still an offence. In recent crackdowns, however, police have been arresting those carrying just a few "fixes".

Barcelona police say that Señor Arango was responsible for handling the arrival of the drug from the Medellín cartel, arranging its distribution and sale, and laundering the proceeds. The cocaine was sent from Colombia to the port of Barcelona hidden in containers. Last June, police found 330lb of cocaine with a market value of £15 million hidden in sacks of coffee.



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Clinton fails to strike gold on the California campaign trail

FROM TOM RHODES IN SAN FRANCISCO

Somehow it was fitting that it was Queen Latifah, the activist rap singer, and not President Clinton himself who closed his final Californian rally.

Mr Clinton had already made his big speech and the assembled faithful were dancing to the final chords of the Sister Sledge classic "We Are Family" when Queen Latifah entered. In Oakland, the San Francisco satellite and one of the most racially integrated yet divisive cities in America, she almost certainly has more of an impact on young black voters than any world leader.

"A lady at the airport did not want me to get here — you know she was a Republican," she said. "I don't have much to tell you, but I have come here to say we can have the power we want to have. It is all about registering our vote, so get out there and vote." Her message was an echo of all that the Democrats at the Henry Kaiser Convention Centre had been hearing all afternoon, from Kathleen Brown, the prospective Governor, from Elihu Harris, the Mayor of Oakland and, of course, from the President.

"Imagine you are watching a movie called *America*," Mr Clinton said. "The remote control is in your hand and you can push fast forward, leave it, or push reverse ... I know you will push forward ... we are one nation under God, together going forward."

Although it was vintage Clinton and a speech clearly designed to recharge the flagging batteries of the Democratic Party, even his own aides concede that his efforts to restore American faith in activist government and to create a dominant new Democratic coalition have failed. Public cynicism about government is at an all-time high, doubts about Washington's ability to solve the nation's problems remain deeper than ever and the Democrats have made no noticeable progress towards expanding support beyond the 43 per cent Mr Clinton won two years ago.

Instead of a glorious march through the Golden State to ensure a stable majority, the President has spent his final days on the campaign trail for tomorrow's elections trying to scare the remnants of the old guard into going to the polls.

California should have been an easy target for the Clinton roadshow. Yet the races for both the US Senate and the governorships remain some of the closest and most bitter in the nation and Mr Clinton was forced to promote his California candidates at every turn rather than concentrate on a high-profile nationwide boost to Democrats.

Add to this that also on the ballot paper is Proposition 187, aimed at blocking public services to illegal immigrants and their children, and the reality is that Mr Clinton might have been better served visiting his enemies in the southern states. His tour was almost entirely eclipsed by Californian electioneering, former President Ronald Reagan's announcement that he has Alzheimer's Disease and by the murder of two children in South Carolina.

Two rallies, in Los Angeles and Oakland, were by no means oversubscribed. Indeed in Oakland the Secret Service estimated the audience to be more than 2,000 short of the hall's 7,000 capacity.

Republicans look poised for narrow majority in Senate

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

POLITICAL observers were forecasting last night that the Republicans would narrowly seize control of the Senate tomorrow for the first time since 1986, and still had an outside chance of capturing the House of Representatives for the first time since 1954.

A nationwide *Washington Post* survey showed that if the Republicans won only half the Senate races considered too close to call, they would emerge with a 51-49 majority. Nine out of 14 leading political analysts agreed that the Republicans would win a slight majority, with three others predicting a 50-50 split and two predicting the Democrats would cling on.

The same division of neck-and-neck races would give the Republicans 36 more seats in the House, four short of an overall majority, but they can hope for more.

An NBC/*Wall Street Journal* poll showed the Democratic Party entering the mid-term elections with just 37 per cent support, its lowest level since 1950, compared to the Republicans' 40 per cent.

Of Republican supporters, galvanised by dislike of President Clinton, 75 per cent said that they were likely to vote compared to 61 per cent of their demoralised Democratic counterparts. A *Newsweek* poll showed Mr Clinton's approval rating subsiding to just 40 per cent.

Mr Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore spent the weekend frantically shoring up the Democrat vote. Mr Clinton campaigned in California, where Dianne Feinstein, the Democrat senator, is fighting off Michael Huffington's challenge, and in Minnesota, the only Republican-held Senate seat that the Democrats have a chance of winning.

Mr Gore campaigned in the South, where Mr Clinton is too unpopular to venture, focusing particularly on his native Tennessee where the Republicans may capture the Senate seat he vacated in 1992. Mr Gore insisted that the Administration's economic policies were working and implored voters to reject Republican politics of "anger and hatred and divisiveness".

MID-TERM ELECTIONS

Robert Dole, eyeing the Senate leadership, suggested the Democrats were "in a state of near panic". He urged voters to seize a "historic opportunity" tomorrow to "help Republicans pull the plug on President Clinton's big-government, big-taxing, big-spending machine" and "put a leash on government".

The Republicans, needing seven gains to capture the Senate, look certain to take Democratic seats in Maine, Ohio, Arizona and Tennessee. Provided they hold Minnesota, they would then need to win three of five hotly contested races in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Oklahoma, Virginia and a second Tennessee seat. They also have an outside chance of winning either Ms Feinstein's California seat or one in New Mexico.

Even if the Republicans won only six new seats, leaving the Senate divided 50-50, they might well tempt Alabama's Richard Shelby, a conservative who already votes with the Republicans on key issues, to switch parties. Republican control of the Senate would leave Mr Clinton hamstrung and mean damaging new investigations of Whitewater and other White House affairs.

One crumb of comfort for the Democrats yesterday was a poll showing Virginia's Chuck Robb leading Oliver North by 39 per cent to 31, but again Mr North's ultra-conservative supporters are far more likely to vote than Mr Robb's. Other polls late last week showed a dead heat.

In House races, Tom Foley, in grave danger of becoming the first Speaker to lose his seat since 1860, remained locked in a dead heat with George Nethercutt, his Republican challenger. Dan Rostenkowski, the veteran Chicago Democrat charged with fraud and embezzlement, may be rejected by his long-suffering constituents.



President Clinton brandishes a saxophone at a rally in Los Angeles with the gospel-singing group Charity

NEWS IN BRIEF

New leak in oil pipeline

Moscow: A new rupture in a corroded pipeline running through the Russian Arctic has spilled another 13,000 tonnes of oil, the Greenpeace environmental watchdog group said yesterday. A spillage reported last month was estimated by American experts at up to 270,000 tonnes, but Russian experts said that not more than 60,000 tonnes leaked from the pipeline, about 1,250 miles north of Moscow near the town of Usinsk.

Moscow's emergencies ministry said yesterday that it knew nothing about any new spillage. But Greenpeace officials showed photographs and video footage of blazing oil lakes. *(Reuter)*

Parties to quit

Dhaka: Bangladesh's opposition parties are to resign from parliament to increase pressure on the government to stand down and hold elections under a caretaker administration. A big protest rally is being planned for Wednesday. *(Reuter)*

Aircraft lost

Moscow: Arctic weather and a lack of daylight has hampered the search for a missing helicopter and transport plane in the Russian Far East. The aircraft had a total of 14 people on board and a medium has been called in to help in the search. *(Reuter)*

Tajiks vote

Dushanbe: Nearly 80 per cent of voters in Tajikistan had already turned out a full four hours before the polls closed as the country's first presidential election passed off peacefully. *(Reuter)*

Somali war fear

Mogadishu: General Muhammad Farrah Aidid and Ali Mahdi Muhammad, rival Somali warlords, are to set up opposing governments in an apparent prelude to renewed civil war. *(Reuter)*

Deputy dies

Moscow: Valentin Martemyanov, a Communist deputy in the Russian parliament, died of severe head injuries suffered when he was beaten up near his Moscow home. *(Reuter)*

Bossi threat

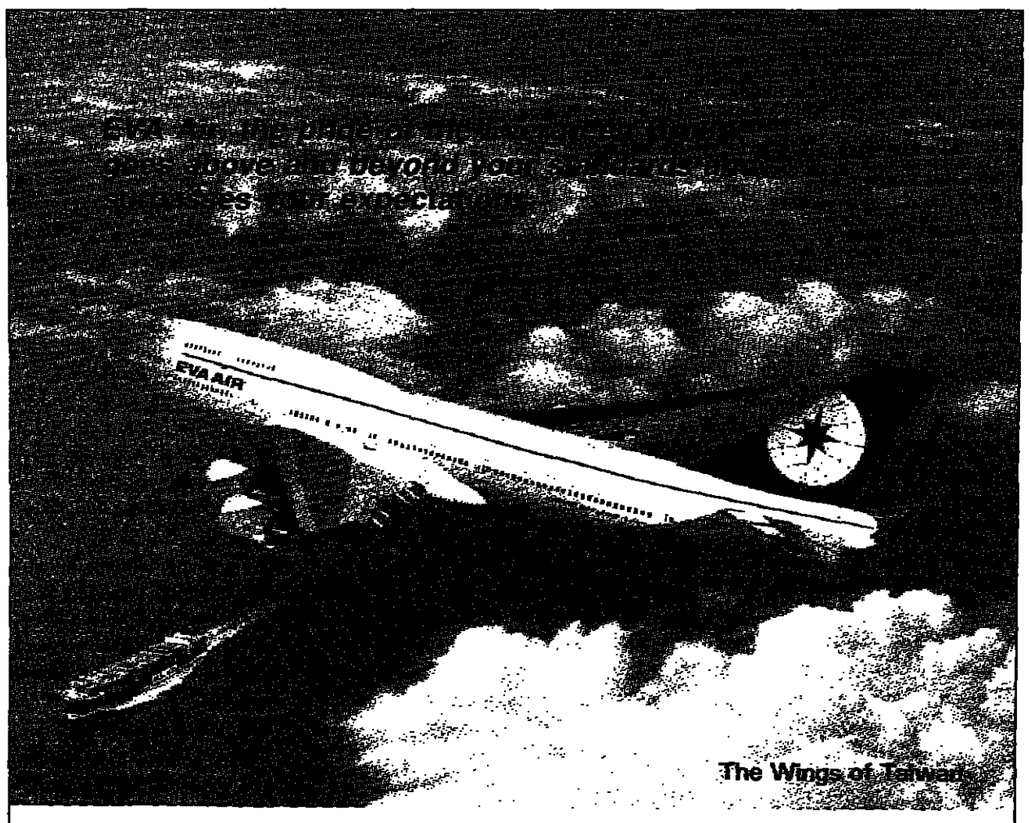
Genoa: Umberto Bossi, the Northern League leader, has indicated that he is prepared to bring down the Italian government if it does not back proposals for federalism and economic reform. *(Reuter)*

Rebels shelled

Nicosia: Iran fired Scud missiles into the Mujahidin Khalq guerrillas' main training base in Iraq, damaging buildings. Tehran's claim that several rebels died was denied by the Mujahidin.

Elephant trade

Johannesburg: Southern African delegates will seek a resumption of the trade in elephant products at a conference on trade in endangered species in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this week. *(Reuter)*



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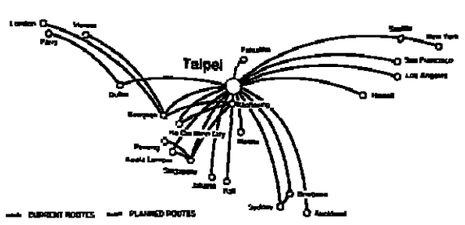


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Chinese pick up scent on Yeti trail

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE Abominable Snowman has so far survived every attempt to track it down, but a team of Chinese scientists believes the Yeti will be revealed in a search to be launched next year.

Sightings of giant hairy humanoids have been as numerous over the years as those little green men who pop out of flying saucers in mostly remote parts of the globe.

Undeterred by the failure of many efforts to locate, capture or photograph the Yeti, Chinese scientists on the newly formed Committee for the Search of Rare and Strange Creatures are convinced that the Abominable Snowman is no longer a myth. This follows a claim by ten Chinese tourists that they spotted three huge apes with long dark hair, walking on two legs like humans in Shennongjia national forest park in the centre of the country. The figures apparently bolted as soon as they realised they had been seen by humans.

The members of the strange creatures committee took special notice of the latest report because the witnesses were not the usual peasants mumbling about wild men lurking in the mountains but well-educated engineers. Professor Yuan Zhenxin, chairman of the committee, described the sighting of the half men, half apes as "a major discovery" and announced that a full search would be launched early next year by 20 scientists.

Although the Yeti is supposed to inhabit the remoter regions of China and Tibet, it has also been reported in Badakhshan in the former Soviet Union, in Sumatra and on the Isle of Arran, off the west coast of Scotland.

Child murder case dispels US myths

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AS FRIENDS, family members and strangers gathered for the burial of two small boys in Union, South Carolina, yesterday, a lawyer for the mother accused of killing them reported that she is receiving death threats.

More than 1,000 people filed slowly past a closed white, child-sized coffin containing the bodies of Michael Smith, 3, and Alexander Smith, 14 months, on Saturday in a chapel at the Holcombe Funeral Home.

Their mother, Susan Smith, was charged with murder on Friday and was being held in a state prison under a suicide watch.

Joseph Workman, one of her two defence attorneys, said he feared for her safety. "There have been numerous death threats against her," he told a television station. He also raised the possibility of seeking a trial outside the area because of the publicity.

The Smith case, in which the South Carolina mother's tale of kidnapping moved America first to sympathy and then to fury when she finally admitted she had drowned her two missing sons, has set in relief two of the grim and hidden aspects of modern American society.

On one hand the case of Mrs Smith, 23, illustrates the public's unwillingness to believe that a mother could kill her own children, when such cases are becoming increasingly common. On the other hand the case shows that the public is ready, even eager, to accept evidence of crime when the perpetrator is said to be a black man.

Mrs Smith reported that her car had been hijacked by a stocky black man on the evening of October 25. She claimed he forced her out of the car and then drove away with her two sons still strapped in the back seat.

Mrs Smith, described by friends as a "devoted mother" is only one of three mothers charged with murdering their children in the past two weeks alone. The revelation that her tale of the black carjacker was a hoax has left many black Americans indignant at the ease and speed with which her story was accepted at face value.

In the end both images, the doting white mother and the ruthless black mugger, turned out to be fiction.



David Smith, the father of the two dead boys, being escorted to the funeral in South Carolina yesterday

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Angola assaults rebels' bastion after peace deal

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Angolan government yesterday defied international appeals, and contined its ground and air atcks on rebel-held territory at have sent hundreds of svilians fleeing into the bush central Angola.

Although the government initialled a United Nations-brokered peace treatywith the rebels just days ago, s troops were locked in fierofighting for the Unita base in uambo, once Angola's seconcity, 330 miles southeast of Lnda, the capital. Refugees werstreaming into the mined s man's land around Huami, while government troops ere reported to have surounded and advanced to wain six miles of the city, acoding to Emilio Fernandes, Portuguese radio corresondent and the only foreign jurnalist in the Huambo area.

Unita forces shot own an Angolan government/liG jet. Fifty foreign aid workrs were reported to be trappedout safe in the nearby town c Caala. Civilians huddled in imbedout buildings and oth shelters while aid workers gathered at the local office of the International Red Cross as the fighting drew closer.

But the rebels were putting up stiff resistance, Fernandes said in a live broadcast. Unita troops could be heard cheering in the background after rebel gunners shot down the MiG over the city. The reporter said that the city had been rocked by explosions and bursts of machinegun fire since the early morning. "Huambo continues to be on red alert. There are Unita troops everywhere and the population is hidden away in the basements of buildings," he said.

One aid source said that all of the aid workers were fine. They were in a well-marked compound easily identified with Red Cross markings and isolated from Caala but were in regular radio contact with staff in Huambo.

"However, there is no question we want our staff to leave," he said. "We are worried about two things: potential military activities and the unrest that is accompanying it." He said the Red Cross compound had space in bunkers for all the foreigners in Huambo and food stocks for a long time.

Angola's ruling MPLA party yesterday denied that its offensive violated the peace accord initialled last week. João Lourenço, the MPLA Information Secretary, said in remarks on state-run media that the government could continue fighting 17 days after the initialling, which took place in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, on October 31.

"The government is violating absolutely nothing. The government is not invading any foreign territory, it is not even violating the Lusaka protocol," he said. "War is taking place throughout Angola. In principle, this war will last until 17 days after the Lusaka protocol was initialled. We would like to give assurances that on that day, and as long as Unita agrees to sign the Lusaka protocol, the Angolan government will strictly adhere to the ceasefire that will come into effect two days after the signing of the accord," he said.



PALESTINIAN policewomen check the details of a driver in Jericho yesterday on their first day of duty in the semi-autonomous town.

Palestinian police force goes on duty in Jericho

The new police force was barred from Jordan which also closed its borders to Palestine Liberation Organisation activists yesterday in retaliation for the opposition by Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, to the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel. The move forced dozens of Palestinians to return back across the Allenby Bridge which links the West Bank and Jordan and prompted protests from PLO officials.

Mr Arafat criticised the treaty for granting a "special role" in administering holy shrines in Jerusalem to Jordan's King Hussein. The PLO seeks the role of custodian of the sites as part of its claim to the city as the capital of a Palestinian state. The travel ban is the latest in a series of tit-for-tat measures by Jordan and the PLO. (AP)

Thoughts of Deng declared immortal

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA'S Communist Party is striving to assure the masses that the impending physical death of Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader, is inconsequential since his "Thought", now raised to the apex of the Communist pantheon is immortal.

His collected works are constantly republished and enlarged, and press and radio used identical language at the weekend to describe how he "has carried forward and developed Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse-tung Thought... in attacking the actual problems of China".

But Mr Deng is 90, incoherent, deaf and unable to walk unaided. Although his family insists his health is good, the occasional television pictures of his rare appearances tell a different story.

This leaves the party in the difficult position of having to say that even if he dies everything will remain the same — as long, it is added, as everyone rallies around the party and its "core leader". The core leader, so designated it is said, by Mr Deng himself, is President Jiang Zemin, who is also the party's General Secretary and heads the powerful Military Commission, so holding more high offices than anyone since Mao.

During his recent trip to South Korea, Li Peng, the Premier, declared that "the third-generation leadership is being established with Jiang Zemin at the core", adding: "You don't have to listen to speculation about this."

There is nevertheless little expectation in China that Mr Jiang will achieve much more than the two years in power of Hua Guofeng, Mao's personally chosen successor.

Afrikaner anti-apartheid theologian shot dead



Heyns declared that apartheid was sin

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

THE former moderator of the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa was shot dead at his Pretoria home in a possible assassination by white right-wingers, police said yesterday.

Professor Johan Heyns, 66, was known among his peers as "the clerical de Klerk". He was shot dead on Saturday night as he sat playing cards with his wife, René, and two young grandchildren, at his home in Waterkloof, Pretoria. He was struck in the back of the head by a single round from a heavy-calibre rifle fired through the window from six yards away and was killed instantly. His wife and one child were in hospital yesterday being treated for shock.

Major Ray Herrold, a police spokesman, said the inquiry could take months. Police offered a reward of 100,000 rands (£21,000) for information leading to the capture and conviction of the murderer.

As head of the establishment church of Afrikanerdom, Professor Heyns's reformist leadership led to the declaration that apartheid was a sin, causing a schism.

Amid widespread tributes to Professor Heyns as an advocate of peace and reconciliation, fears were expressed that the murder might signal a fresh outbreak of extremist violence. General Constand Viljoen, leader of the right-wing Afrikaner Freedom Front, declared: "Bear in mind that the emotions of the masses have still not been resolved." He said all indications pointed to the murder being politically motivated.

Professor Heyns's murder came barely three weeks after a general synod of the white Dutch Reformed Church, at which a critical decision was made to co-operate with its separate African, Coloured and Indian "sister" churches to form a single church.

President Mandela yesterday paid tribute to Professor Heyns's "insight, integrity and honesty". He said that he was shocked and outraged, adding that he had spoken to the police and was confident that the killer would be caught.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu said: "I still can't believe it. He was the first national moderator of the NGK to call into question the church's support of apartheid. He played an important role in preparing the church and the Afrikaans community for change."

Mitterrand attacked for links with tyrants

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

AS PRESIDENT Mitterrand presides over his final Franco-African summit which begins in Biarritz today, he is under attack from Socialists critical of his links with bloodthirsty dictators.

They say his policies have been determined more by his desire to maintain France's influence than by respect for human rights. President Mobutu of Zaire has been rehabilitated and invited to Biarritz after being condemned in 1981 by the Socialists over human rights. The Rwandan government has been excluded but France long supported the regime of the late President Habyarimana — held responsible for the Rwandan genocide.

The author of a report for the Socialist Party conference later this month, Guy Labertit, says of the Mitterrand years: "It was necessary to work with the heads of state in place, even the most bloodthirsty dictators. African policy has continued to be run discreetly, even secretly, and not democratically."

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THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on Peter Hall's latest *Hamlet*; and 'the definitive Irish play' from Brian Friel

A prince for the Nineties

Hamlet
Gielgud Theatre

The Globe may have a new name, and it may be marking its rechristening with a revival of a play that 64 years ago John Gielgud came close to making his own; but don't go to the theatre in too nostalgic a mood. Don't expect to find a sweet if troubled prince mellifluously incanting his pain from inside a tousled doublet. Prepare yourself for a mad, mugging Hamlet with a voice like a small meatgrinder and, when he is not streaking, clothes that might most charitably be called *Godot* chic. Could anyone be more unGielgudy than Stephen Dillane?

Well, yes and no. The young Gielgud struck his peers as epitomising 1930s disillusion. In equally topical style, Dillane spends his time not merely cracking up but wisecracking asunder. His Hamlet is wry, insecure and, if you try to ignore the references to pride, ambition and "proving most royally", rather good.

Peter Hall's production has its strengths too, among them clarity, vigour and, happily since it lasts four hours, fluency and pace. In this he is helped by Lucy Hall's set, a simple O surrounded by blue into which giant red tassles intermittently descend, but not by the distracting costumes. Claudius's courtiers appear to have got their frock-coats from the red velvet left over after the palace chairs have been re-covered and their headgear from Mad Hatter Industries. They resemble Dickensian coachmen redesigned for Alice's Adventures in Elsinore.

One effect is to make Donald Sinden's Polonius look fatuous, which is a pity, for his reading of the role is not just comical. He exudes earnest self-importance and officious energy, and (a nice original touch) he dislikes and mistrusts Hamlet more than Hamlet does him. He is the pick of a good supporting cast, matched only by Michael Pennington as a formidably self-pitying ghost and an even more distraught king. Imagine an epic battle between super-stress and superglue, and you have this Claudius in extremis, almost but not quite falling apart.

But it is Dillane whose unglueing is the more bizarre. That is surprising, for his voice is casual and downbeat, sometimes to the point of slovenliness, and the first impression he makes is meek. Perched blinking beside a confident Pennington, he looks like the thin half of Laurel and Hardy. You can see why he didn't accede to the throne on his father's death. Judging by his self-deprecating shrug when he compares himself to Hercules, he half-accepts his status as failure, wimp and court worm.

But the worm turns, retaining a certain vulnerability throughout but disconcerting both friends and foes with its erratic aggro. His Hamlet is an unpredictable mix of clear-mindedness (the "to be" speech is finely reasoned) and chaos. He does spoof imitations of everything from the crab that walks backwards to Sinden's fruity gurgles, but parody often slips into pottiness. To watch him blundering around in crown, morning coat, dangling shirt-tails, grubby trousers and pink socks, or stripping naked and trotting offstage, is to know he isn't just "mad in craft".

It is riveting stuff, but is there an overall interpretation here? Well, grief for his father counts for much — Dillane is the only Hamlet I've seen as upset as Claudius by the murder-scene in The Mousetrap — and so does his realisation that he lacks his father's strength. The result is helplessness, ennui and black humour, an anger turned outward in mockery and inward in self-contempt. He wanted to be a Renaissance revenger — and was doomed to become a modern alternative comedian.



DONALD COOPER

Stephen Dillane as Hamlet grapples with Tom Beard as Laertes, in Peter Hall's inaugural production at the renamed Gielgud Theatre

Fanfare for a fine orchestra

Gothenburg SO/Järvi
Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow

NEEME Järvi might not have attracted the audience he was hoping for in Glasgow, but he cannot have been disappointed by the response he inspired, *Gerald Larner writes*. Actually, he could scarcely have expected to fill the hall with a programme which so casually stuffed a pair of Estonian trumpet concertos between a Nielsen suite and a Sibelius symphony. The problem must have been that Arvo Pärt's *Concerto Piccolo on B-A-C-H* is as short as its title suggests. But it would have been better to extend the selection from Nielsen's wonderfully resourceful music from *Aladdin* than to fill in with Aino Tamberg's unremarkable Trumpet Concerto.

The *Concerto Piccolo*, heard for the first time in Britain on this occasion, is an arrangement of Pärt's *Collage on B-A-C-H*. Originally scored for strings only, it certainly makes an effective piece for solo trumpet.

Thoug Hakan Hardenberger on an encore, what stirred e audience was the performance of Sibelius's Second Symphony. Masterfully shaped by Järvi, it was splendidly played by the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra, which found ever more unlikely layers of dynamic intensity to add to the accumulating excitement of the finale. As the Sibelius encores (the *Andante Festivo* and the Karelia March) finally confirmed, it is an orchestra endowed with a substantial and expressive body of strings and cheerfully buoyant brass.

King's Consort
Wigmore Hall

"SOUND the Trumpet" was the title of the second concert in the Wigmore Hall's Purcell Festival on Thursday night, though there was not a trumpet in sight, *writes Barry Millington*. The programme consisted rather of solos and duets for countertenors, including the eponymous "Sound the Trumpet" from the 1694 Ode for Queen Mary, "Come ye Sons of Art". The soloists, James Bowman and Michael Chance, were accompanied by a small ensemble under the eminently capable direction of the festival's artistic director, Robert King.

Beginning with the delectable "Hark how the Songsters" (Catherine Latham and Rebecca Miles bubbling away effusively on recorders), Bowman and Chance moved through the evocative "In Vain the Am'rous Flute", the abundantly inventive "Sing, Sing ye Druids" and the comic "No, Resistance is but Vain" to end the first half on the celebratory note of Sound the Trumpet". On the way, each took a solo or two.

The second half brought two pieces each by contemporaries of Purcell: John Blow and Pelham Humfrey, and the so-called Sonata in Imitation of Birds" by the little-known William Williams, the latter piece offering a cue for more virtuoso playing from the recorders, supported as reliably as ever by Susanna Pell on bass viol and David Miller on theorbo. The concert ended with the poignant "Ode on the Death of Mr Henry Purcell" by the composer's mentor and friend, Blow (text by John Dryden).

BBC SO/Lazarev
Festival Hall

ONE of the BBC Symphony Orchestra's horn players was wearing what appeared to be ear muffs, *writes Hilary Finch*. Schnittke's Concerto Grosso No 4/Symphony No 5 is like that. Nobody need be deceived by the first part of its title: even before the work has grown out of its Baroque beginnings into fully fledged symphonic form, the noise level, as each soloist — violin, oboe and harpsichord — is pushed to its limit against the orchestra, is enough to make any orchestral player sue for compensation.

Despite its predictable stylistic syncretism — Gabrieli to Prokofiev to Mahler here — it is the agonised scream of Schnittke himself which rings on after the music has ended. This is music which intensifies and explodes within the head of composer and listener. Alexander Lazarev maximised its rhythm and harmonic tensions, making the massive third movement start with a growl as deep and tight as the furrows on Schnittke's forehead, and end with an *allegro macabre* of extreme concentration before the final, thudding funeral march.

The concert, whose first part included a riveting and mercurial performance by pianist Peter Jablonski of Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, can be heard on Radio 3 at 1pm today.

DONALD COOPER



T.P. McKenna (rear), Catherine Byrne, Mark Lambert in Brian Friel's gripping production of his own play

Blindness, insight and vision

Molly Sweeney
Almeida

WHAT an extraordinary dramatist Brian Friel is. *Benedict Nightingale writes*. He has composed the most sensitive of case-studies, the tale of a woman who regains some of her long-lost sight in her forties, only to find a world of moving shapes intimidating and uninhabitable. But in its unpretentious way his *Molly Sweeney* is far more than that. I am tempted to call it the definitive Irish play, a wise and humane meditation on themes that have preoccupied the island's playwrights from Synge to Billy Roche, O'Casey to Friel himself: deprivation, insularity, exile, loss, and the lure of illusion, the pull of fantasy.

Like Friel's own *Faith Healer*, the play consists of monologues delivered by three speakers. This time, though, there is more intercutting between them, more sharing than hogging of the narrative. For T.P. McKenna's podgy, aloof Dr Rice, mournfully slouched on the chair to the left, Molly is mainly an impossibly challenging patient. For Mark Lambert's excitable Frank Sweeney, forever bouncing out of the right-hand chair, she is not only his wife, but the latest of the many causes to which he has devoted a pathologically fidgety life. Only Catherine Byrne's Molly, perched half-smiling between them, seems at peace, at least at first.

Each man means well, but each has his agenda, or rather his hope, dream or fantasy. Rice has run to seed after the loss of his wife, and wants Molly to restore his reputation as a medical meteor. Frank yearns for his feverish dilettantism to achieve something lasting. As for Molly, she is in command of her darkness and at ease in it. Will she be enriched or diminished by having once again to make sense of things from scratch?

The answer, which is that the better she sees the worse she copes, might suggest that Friel sentimentalises blindness. Not at all. The play's shrewdness is evident whether its thrust is clinical, philosophical, or simply human. Conventionally "dramatic" it may not be. But be sure you will be gripped by a production (Friel's own) that turns you into an intimate of the Sweeney family.

Molly's odyssey is at once personal, distinctively Irish, and international. Think of the Indian princess Pocahontas, wrenched from the American darkness and broken by her brave new life in Britain. Think of the poor and huddled masses who have renounced their roots in order to better themselves, and, very often, felt spiritually the worse. Think of the men and women, so common in Irish drama and maybe in Irish life, who have ended up making the ultimate escape, into their own rich imaginations, as Molly does. In her tale, Friel has paid metaphorical tribute to them all.

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ARTS
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IN SECTION 2

No more waiting for the big time

Tonight Stephanie Cole trades her TV fame for her first love: the stage. Alan Franks met the actress

Stephanie Cole's first role was a woman in her nineties. Since then she has grown older, by about forty years, and the parts have grown (slightly) younger. One day her age and theirs will coincide, but for the moment she is fixed in the public perception as Diana, the house dragon of the Bayview Retirement Home in the BBC TV comedy *Waiting for God*.

Now in its fifth series, this has turned her into the embodiment of redoubtable English old age, much as *One Foot in the Grave* made Richard Wilson into a national property as the tetchy voice of redundancy. Like Wilson, her enormous and relatively late success follows more than 30 years in the theatre.

> "It was as though I had been a perfectly good second division football club"

She now belongs to that handful of middle-aged actresses whose name is considered enough to sell an unknown play to the West End. Her ascent to this tier was almost completed when she was cast as the army widow in "Soldiering On," one of Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads* monologues. She was at the time the least known of that gallery. This is hardly a disparagement since it contained such names as Maggie Smith, Patricia Routledge and Julie Walters.

"It was as though for years I had been a perfectly good second division club," she says, "getting along fine, and then suddenly I was up there with the Manchester Uniteds." Her *Head* entailed being once more the county stoic; but she reasoned, as such characters would, that you take your chances and are grateful.

"Right from the start, at drama school, when I was only 16, they told me 'Steph, you *will* make it. But not till you are about 50.' So I thought, oh thanks a lot, that's terrific news. After about 12 years in the profession, really pretty good years with work at the reps in Bristol, Manchester, Birmingham and so on, I had a terrible crisis of confidence, a loss of faith. I looked around at my peers and all their careers seemed to be blossoming while mine was marking time. So I quit. It was like the unexpected end of a marriage in which you had felt loving and secure."

She does not make the comparison lightly as her marriage, to theatrical director Henry Marshall, did indeed come to an end, albeit not until 1988. Nor does she lightly mention "faith with a big F"; a great deal of her considerable energy in the past few years has gone towards the nurturing of a spiritual dimension in her life. Not so much a matter of waiting for God as negotiating with him.

In an interview with Alan Titchmarsh, just published by Hodder and Stoughton as part of a collection called *Sweet Inspiration*, she describes how the failure of her marriage led her towards analysis, which in turn reacquainted her with her spirituality. "I returned to my religious roots." She notes, however, that in her case the Church of England must have signally failed, and perhaps even instilled pagan tendencies, since her idea of God had never been an old man in the sky but a bend in the river.

As with Richard Wilson, her success has given her an honorary pensioner status, and she has become actively involved with the charity Age Concern. She also does work on behalf of schizophrenics, of whom her brother is one.

Her own dramatic ups and downs have given her one of those lives which she could well have been asked to portray as an actress. In the early 1970s the crisis of confidence seemed to have developed into something yet more severe. A trip to the shops would be an almost unthinkable challenge; she was diagnosed as agoraphobic and claustrophobic, and given Valium.

She might never have re-entered the acting profession if she had not been given an unexpected break 20 years ago by Sam Walters, director of the Orange Tree in Richmond. "A friend recommended me for a part," she says. "In fact it was the lead in a David Cregan play which the theatre was planning to do. This friend had no idea I had given up. Then, through a strange set of circumstances, Sam tracked me down and I accepted."

Within a few years she had a major role in the BBC's unforeseen hit, *Tenko*, as prisoner-of-war Doctor Beatrice. While it was ironic that she should be cast as the coping professional, she accepts that her experiences have in the long run helped her in these and other parts.

She stresses "other", now that she is the incumbent of the title role in *A Passionate Woman*. This is the first West End play by Kay Mellor, who has written for *Coronation Street* and *Brookside*. Cole plays Betty, who incarcerates herself in the attic on her son's wedding day in order to contemplate her own dismal marriage and to recall the days of her prime in 1950s dance halls.

She is now co-writing a TV comedy series inspired by the first meeting she had, six years ago, with a half-sister. Stephanie's father left before she was born, and then had another daughter ten years later. She met her father when she was 21, and though he had mentioned the existence of the other girl, she did not fully take it in. She believes his rejection of the family could have affected her attitude to men.

She remembers going through her childhood to the age of 11, badly wanting brothers and sisters. At this point two of her cousins were adopted by her mother. "And that's how I got my brothers. Then, in my forties, along comes the sister I wanted."

She told all this to Wilma Hollingberry, a writer and actress who was making a guest appearance in *Waiting for God*. The outcome, in television form, will be *Dot and Carrie*, one a Cheltenham toff and the other an uneducated East Ender. The parts will be played by their creators. Cole may be altruistic, but surrendering plum roles would be expecting too much, at this or any age.

● A Passionate Woman *opens tonight at the Comedy Theatre (071-369 1731)*

MICHAEL POWELL



Stephanie Cole: much of her energy has gone towards nurturing her spiritual dimension

Skating on a thin premise

HERE is a real curiosity, *writes Nadine Meisner*. The stage of the New Victoria Theatre in Woking has acquired a few inches of ice; characters whirl and swirl giddyingly; and the heroine wears skivvy's clogs with skater's blades attached. The Russian All Stars company has begun a seven-month tour of *Cinderella On Ice*, evidently emboldened by its previous *Sleeping Beauty*, which was transported to every British municipality that ice-making apparatus could reach.

Skating's exciting velocity and effortless expansiveness can only take off in a proper, arena-sized ice rink. The members of the Russian All Stars, however, are touring to adapted middle-scale theatres. The performers cannot let rip; aching for space they are relegated to circling round and round as the only means of achieving a trajectory that will last longer than a couple of steps. Normally, *Cinderella*'s virtue on stage resides in matching ballet's rich language to Prokofiev's romantic score. On ice, in cramped surroundings, Tatiana Tarasova's choreography cannot compete. You become acutely aware of skating's limited vocabulary and cumbersome footwear and only occasionally do you glimpse its advantages.

ICE DANCING

Cinderella on Ice
Woking

The petulant stampings of Cinderella's stepmother, for example, look odd and awkward on skates. On the other hand, the impetus of gliding does allow the Prince's friends to twirl their partners in the air like feather boas and the Buffoon to raise gasps with flying backward somersaults. The balletically-inspired choreography is reasonably efficient and sensitive. Marina Pestova as Cinderella performs a sad pas de deux with her put-upon father, the taped music channelling through her body in a melodic, lilting line. Later she is swooningly ecstatic in her dances with Marat Akbarov's radiant white and gold Prince. The timing of midnight is ingeniously staged, human representations of the hours forming a demented, spinning line that separates the lovers.

A little Faye music

BBC Radio 2's series of classic musical recordings, which began in July, has already offered up some happy surprises: **Mandy Patinkin** in *Guys and Dolls* and **Tyne Daly** in *Call Me Madam* among them. Now the producers are apparently boldly stepping in where Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber famously refused to go. They are said to be offering the starring role in *A Little Night Music* to **Faye Dunaway**. Recording is expected to take place in January for transmission on Radio 2 on February 11.

● SO MUCH excitement has been generated in early industry screenings by **Nigel Hawthorne**'s starring performance in the forthcoming film of **Alan Bennett**'s *The Madness of George III* that the American release date is being pushed up almost six months.

OVERTURES

The film was due to be premiered at Cannes next May. Now the director, Nicholas Hytner, has been told to deliver the film in time for a December release. That would make it eligible for this year's Oscars.

● FOR the first time ever in Britain, it is claimed, Gounod's *Messe Solenelle de Sainte Cecile* will be performed with six harps, as the composer intended. Usually, orchestras make do with two. The full complement is made possible for this **Bach Choir** performance at the Festival Hall (on St Cecilia's Day, November 22) through sponsorship by Guinness plc. The fact that the company has a harp in its logo is not, of course, entirely coincidental.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
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◪ **DR KNOCK.** Geoffrey Beevers takes the title role in Jules Romains's celebrated comic satire on the medical profession and public gullibility. Sam Walters directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence St, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until Nov 26 🅂

◪ **MATILDA LIAR.** Debbie Isitt's caustic tale of a compulsive liar who one day started telling the truth and created havoc. Sharing Beasties national tour, in London for two weeks.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (071-328 1000). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. 🅂

◪ **MOSCOW STATIONS.** Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see a finer, more touching acting this year.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm

□ **ON APPROVAL.** Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and as a sophisticated, diverting but relatively fearless piece. Martin Jarvis is in brilliant form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 6pm 🅂

□ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND.** Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage. Exotic island sets.
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat, 6pm, 9.45pm; mat Wed, 3pm. 🅂

□ **OUT OF THE BLUE.** A sung-through, musical drama, composed by Shuichi Tohura with libretto by Paul Sand. David Gilmore directs the love story set in Japan during the Second World War.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Now previewing, 7.45pm, opens Nov 23, 7pm

◪ **PINCHY KOBI AND THE SEVEN DUPPIES.** The Posse makes a welcome return, with another of its clever and mischievously staged shows. This one is distantly inspired by *A Christmas Carol*.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm 🅂

□ **THREE TALL WOMEN.** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille play the women who haunted the childhood of Edward Albee. His Pulitzer Prizewinner, directed by Anthony Page.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Nov 15, 7pm.

□ **TULIP FUTURES.** John Constable, adaptor of *Gormenghast*, tells the astonishing story of the Tulipmania that gripped 17th-century Holland. Abigail Morris directs.
Cockpit, Gateforth St, NW8 (071-402 5081). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm 🅂

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) □ **Beautiful Thing**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) □ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) □ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) □ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115) ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . ◪ **Neville's Island**: Apollo (071-494 5070) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . □ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

KILL ME AGAIN (18) Revival of John Dahl's modestly enjoyable first film, with Joanna Whalley-Kilmer as the wily sexpot who hires an investigator to fake her murder.
Metro (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

LOVE IN THE STRANGEST WAY (15) A husband's infidelity brings dire consequences. Alcool French thriller that deserves a remake. With Thierry Lhermitte and Maruschka Detmers, directed by Christopher Frank.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

MAKING UP (15) Pleasing, lightweight German comedy about two women struggling to find Mr Right, made as a student by director Katja von Garnier.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15). Unwieldy, overdone, unemployable slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter.
MGMs: Baker St (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Sq** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

THE BROWNING VERSION (15) Solid, unspectacular version of Rattigan's play, with Albert Finney, Greta Scacchi, Matthew Modine and Julian Sands. Mike Figgis directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road 🅂 (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15): Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy, with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro. Director, Joel Schumacher.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. Robert Zemeckis directs Tom Hanks.
Empire 🅂 (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

GERONIMO (12). Strangely dull account of the Apache warrior's capture from director Walter Hill. With Jason Patric, Gene Hackman, Robert Duvall and Wes Studi.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

LANCELOT DU LAC (PG) Robert Bresson strips the Arthurian legend bare in a minimalist masterpiece from 1974. With Luc Simon and Laura Duke Condominas.
Minema (071-235 4225)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U) African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ **MAJOR LEAGUE II** (PG). Unwanted, dull sequel to the baseball comedy hit. With Tom Berenger and Charlie Sheen, director, David S. Ward.
MGM Trocadero 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18) Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

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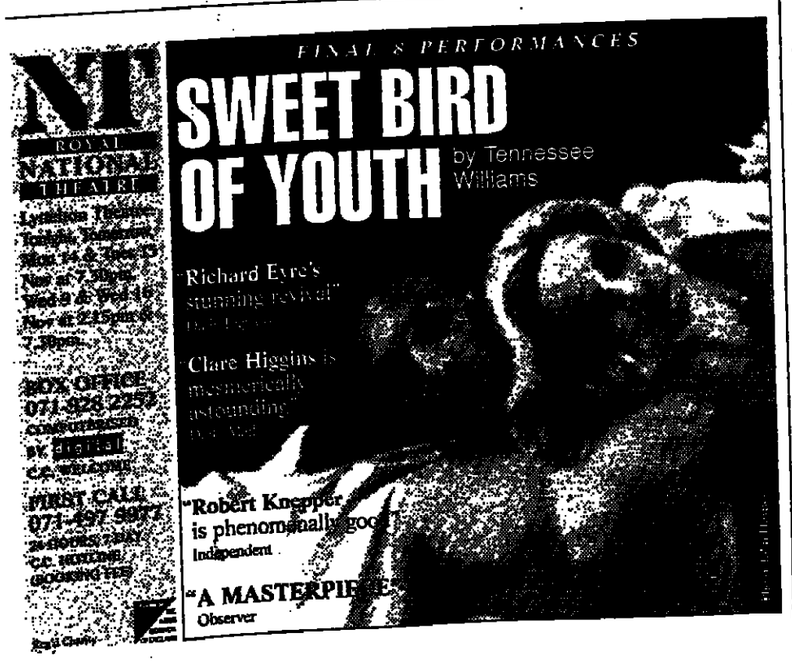
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Using aborted foetuses in research . . . psychology of choosing the O.J. Simpson jury . . . an 18th-century scientific pioneer commemorated

Tissue once more an issue



THE MOST surprising thing about the row over the use of human foetal cells to produce the measles vaccine is that it did not happen a good deal sooner.

The cell line MRC5, used to make the vaccine which some Catholic schools have refused to administer to their pupils, has existed for the better part of 30 years. The fact that the cells were derived from an aborted foetus was published in *Nature* in 1970, but nobody seems to have taken much notice.

Only when the Department of Health proposed a mass immunisation campaign and the Catholic press brought attention to the origin of the cells did the argument begin. Last week, in an attempt to defuse the issue, Dr Kenneth Calman, the Government's Chief Medical Officer, asked drug companies to consider alternative sources for the vaccine.

The vaccine fuss is just the first of many that could be caused by the growing potential of foetal tissue in medicine. Earlier this year the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority ruled that eggs taken from aborted foetuses should not be used in the treatment of infertility, though they may continue to be used in research.



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

But difficult decisions remain, if it should be demonstrated that foetal cells can be used successfully to treat Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's, spinal cord injuries or diabetes — all potential targets for therapy. The grim business of collecting the remains from abortion clinics would then take on a whole new dimension.

Foetal cells have several big advantages. First, they generally grow far more easily than cells from adults, because they come from an organism that is developing very rapidly. When transferred to cultures, they maintain the same rapid pace. Second, they are abundantly available. Tens of millions of foetuses are aborted worldwide every year. Compared with the comparatively meagre supply of organs for transplant from adults, this is a different order of magnitude altogether.

The plasticity of foetal cells and their ability to grow rapidly are what make them attractive in therapy. In Parkinson's disease, transplants of brain cells able to produce the chemical messenger dopamine have shown some ability to repair the defect believed responsible for the disease. In diabetes, cells from a foetal pancreas might be able to produce the insulin that the patients lack.

So far, such experiments have produced equivocal results. "The value of these transplants has yet to be established," says Dr Les Wong, of the Medical Research Council's foetal tissue bank at the Hammersmith Hospital. "And given the ethical constraints, the benefits would have to be really clear-cut to justify their use."

The prospect of harvesting foetuses and turning their cells into a commodity has thus been postponed, for the moment. The rules established several years ago by the Polkinghorne committee for the use of foetal material for research are working well. But as the measles episode has made clear, this is an issue which could easily emerge again and cause a few problems.

Trial in itself



AS AN exercise in applied psychology, it would be hard to beat the process of jury selection in the O.J. Simpson trial. Last Thursday after weeks of effort, eight women and four men were chosen to hear the case against the American football star accused of murdering his wife.

Both defence and prosecution had been advised by jury consultants, a profession already worth £133 million a year in America and growing fast. They apply a more scientific version of the advice offered by the lawyer Clarence Darrow, who in 1936 told defence attorneys to avoid Presbyterians, Scandinavians, Christian Scientists and the very rich.

The consultants produced long questionnaires for potential jurors to answer. The defence wanted jurors sceptical about police evidence, which favoured black Americans and minority groups. The prosecution was looking for people who accept authority, and for those prepared to view the evidence as a whole, rather than those disturbed by small discrepancies.

Who got the best of it? The final jury contains eight women and four men, only one of whom is white. There are eight black Americans, one Hispanic and two of mixed race. This may look like the kind of jury the defence wanted, but it would be improper to suggest they won't bring in a true verdict, as every jury does.

Civil honour



TODAY a memorial plaque to the engineer John Smeaton will be unveiled in Westminster Abbey. Plenty of poets and writers are already commemorated there, but barely a dozen engineers, most of whom came on the scene far later than Smeaton.

He was the founder of civil engineering and a very considerable figure in the second half of the 18th century, painted by Romney and Gainsborough. He bridged the worlds of science and engineering, creating great civil engineering works but also carrying out experiments to understand the application of basic scientific principles to engineering problems.

Born in 1724, Smeaton trained as a lawyer but thought better of it and became a scientific instrument maker. From 1757 onwards he was responsible for many engineering projects including bridges, canals, harbours, and the Eddystone lighthouse.

For this he invented new apparatus to survey the rock, devised an interlocking system for the stone courses to keep them solid, found a mortar that would set underwater, and designed the profile of the lighthouse so as best to resist the wind and waves.

The plaque is a triumph for the Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, which has kept alive an 18th-century tradition, meeting monthly for dinners which are intended to be social occasions. Noel Ordman, a retired civil engineer and president of the society, will preside at today's unveiling.

The man who fools America

David Copperfield is conjuring up a fortune in a society desperate for illusion, says **Ben Macintyre**



JOHN STILLWELL

And for my next trick . . . David Copperfield persuades the audience willingly to suspend disbelief and join him in the conceit that anything is possible

Harry Blackstone Jr, one of the last great American vaudeville magicians, never admitted that his feats were anything other than magic, pure and simple, so as not to undermine the willing wonder that is the psychological core of the conjuror's art.

When a journalist once asked Blackstone how he had managed to create a photograph of his wife being cut in half by a 37-inch circular saw, he feigned indignation.

"It is real," he insisted. "That's not a fake picture. That's my wife being sawed in half. She's now in New York . . . and Atlantic City."

Blackstone's joke illustrates the central psychological principle of magic-making: the creation of an atmosphere in which the audience willingly suspends disbelief and joins the conjuror in the conceit that anything is possible.

In the early days of magic tricks, this was done by sleight of hand, distracting gags and underdressed assistants; modern conjurors now supplement those established techniques with technological wizardry and shows that resemble vast theatrical productions. But the psychology has, in essence, changed little: get the audience on your side and it will not pause to wonder how a trick is performed, for once cynicism has been banished, the rest is simple.

The American magic industry has reached a size and sophistication that would have astonished even Blackstone and his peers.

David Copperfield, the American magician whose London show opened last week, earned a staggering £17.3 million last year, placing him tenth on the *Forbes* magazine list of the highest earners in the United States.

The tricks Copperfield performs are on a scale that intentionally beggars belief: levitating a Ferrari, causing the Statue of Liberty to vanish, walking through the Great Wall of China, or escaping from a burning raft over Niagara Falls.

On the same principle that the larger the size and apparent danger of the trick, the greater the astonishment, two German magicians, Siegfried & Roy, have become immensely successful in America by adapting the rabbit-out-of-a-top-hat trick into a show that involves a pack of white tigers.

But at their core, such performances are a direct appeal to the simple sense of wonder that is as old as time. Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics reveal an early version of the rope trick, whereby three separate strands are made into one.

The recent massive growth in America's magic industry also reflects both economic and cultural changes. "We have found that whenever there is a recession in the economy, magic becomes more popular. It's a perfect form of escapism," says Tony Spina, owner of Tannen's, the largest magic shop in the world, located in New York City.

Mr Spina also believes that scientific advances and the information overload resulting from new communications technology has left many people with a yearning for unexplained mystery.

"People don't want to inquire too much. They think 'Hey, I don't care how it's done'," he says, comparing Copperfield with Frank Sinatra in his ability to absorb and lead an audience.

Ehrich Weiss, the son of a Hungarian rabbi, did more than any other magician to popularise illusion as entertainment. Weiss became The Great Houdini, earning a fortune and spawning a host of imitators until his death in 1926. But then television almost killed magic, since viewers understandably tended to assume that tricks were the result of technological wizardry.

Some have traced the resurgence of magic to the rise of New Age beliefs and modern spiritualism. In the 1970s, Doug Henning hosted a television programme that combined magic tricks with touchy-feely hippy philosophy and proved wildly popular.

"Henning was at one with his audiences, the flower children, the hippies," Charles Reynolds, magic consultant, recently told *Forbes* magazine. "He somehow convinced them that he really believed."

What Henning achieved by sheer mystic conviction, many modern magicians (including Copperfield) do by bombarding the audience with special effects, pop music, light and humorous banter. The audience is so busy being entertained that it ceases to look for the explanation.

But the rise of Hollywood-style showmen like Copperfield has also prompted a backlash in magic circles, and some magicians have returned to a more simple and old-fashioned form of conjuring.

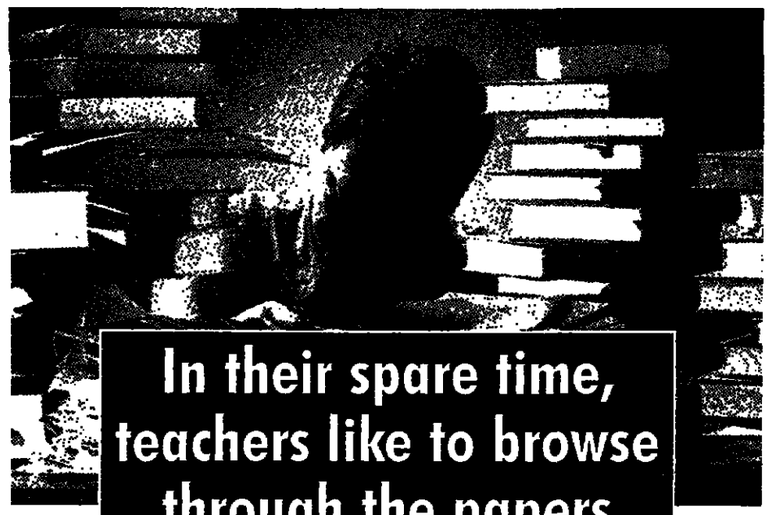
Ricky Jay, for example, a highly successful magician, author, actor, bibliophile and student of the eccentric, often performs his magic with only a pack of cards.

In his brilliantly weird book *Learned Pigs and Fireproof Women*, Mr Jay writes of "what a magician ought to be — not a performer who requires a fully-equipped stage, elaborate apparatus, elephants and handcuffs to accomplish his mysteries, but one who can stand a few inches from you and with a borrowed coin, a lemon, a knife, a tumbler, or a pack of cards, convince you he performs miracles."

In its purest form, conjuring involves what is called "taking dead aim" in the profession — deeply researching the habits and psychological traits of one individual in order to fool them in a way they find utterly convincing and inexplicable. Some of the most successful magic tricks are simply the application of this idea to mass psychology.

The craze for magic suggests that America is not merely contented, but anxious to believe the unbelievable. Every casino in Las Vegas boasts a magic show, and several restaurants in New York employ resident magicians who travel between tables making hors d'oeuvres vanish and reappear.

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Cutting the delay between research and practice



Epidemiologist Archie Cochrane (above) had the answer in the 1970s. Finally it is bearing fruit

If you are admitted to hospital with a heart attack today, you will probably be given an infusion of the "clotbuster" drug streptokinase. This drug saves an estimated 10,000 lives a year in the UK. The first clinical trial in which streptokinase was compared with a placebo took place in 1959. Yet the drug was introduced into routine clinical practice only in 1988. Why the delay?

Nineteen placebo-controlled trials of streptokinase in heart attack had been published by the end of the 1970s, but hardly any were large enough to show conclusive benefit from the drug. But data from several clinical trials with the same design can be pooled using the statistical technique of meta-analysis. Had this been done, the effectiveness of streptokinase could have been confirmed as far back as 1973.

Meta-analysis is not a new technique. Failure to apply it in the 1970s was due primarily to lack of volunteers for the laborious but relatively straightforward task of collecting together all the published trials (plus any unpublished ones) and deliberately excluding those which were methodologically flawed — a process known as systematic review. The chaotic state of scientific publication meant that many trials had appeared in obscure journals and only about half were available in English. Today it is even worse, with more than two million medical articles published annually in about 20,000 journals.

Back in the 1970s, a single voice — that of epidemiologist Dr Archie Cochrane — was calling for the establishment of a comprehensive, critically evaluated and continuously updated database of randomised controlled clinical trials. Cochrane spent much of his life drawing attention to the weakness of the evidence supporting much prevailing medical wisdom. In his polemical book *Effectiveness and Efficiency: Random Reflections on Health Services* he argued that because resources would always be limited, they should be used to provide equitably those forms of healthcare which had been shown in properly designed evaluations to be effective.

The book met with a deafening silence in 1972, but it was an idea whose time had not yet come. On November 9, 1992, four years after Archie Cochrane's death, the UK Cochrane Centre was officially opened in a converted cake factory in Summertown, Oxford, and one year later the international Cochrane Collaboration was launched.

There has already been significant progress in the collaboration's main objectives — to create and maintain, with others, a register of all randomised controlled trials in biomedical research; to combine the results of trials that meet pre-defined standards of quality; to produce regularly updated systematic reviews on important topics using, where appropriate, statistical meta-analysis; and to make these reviews widely available through medical journals, on CD-Rom and, eventually, as an on-line service available through the Internet.

As well as reviewing published research, the collaboration is exploring ways of reducing publication bias, since negative results are less likely to reach print than positive ones. Compulsory registration of all randomised controlled trials at their inception would prevent this.

Finally, it should be remembered that no population-based clinical trial can say whether an intervention will benefit a particular individual but only whether it benefits, on average, the entire population on which it was tested. A recent systematic review of 61 randomised trials of vitamin C in the prevention of the common cold has concluded that it is of no benefit whatsoever. But if you are convinced that vitamin C prevents you personally from catching colds, my advice is to keep on taking it.

DR TRISHA GREENHALGH

I was so long writing my review that I never got around to reading the book



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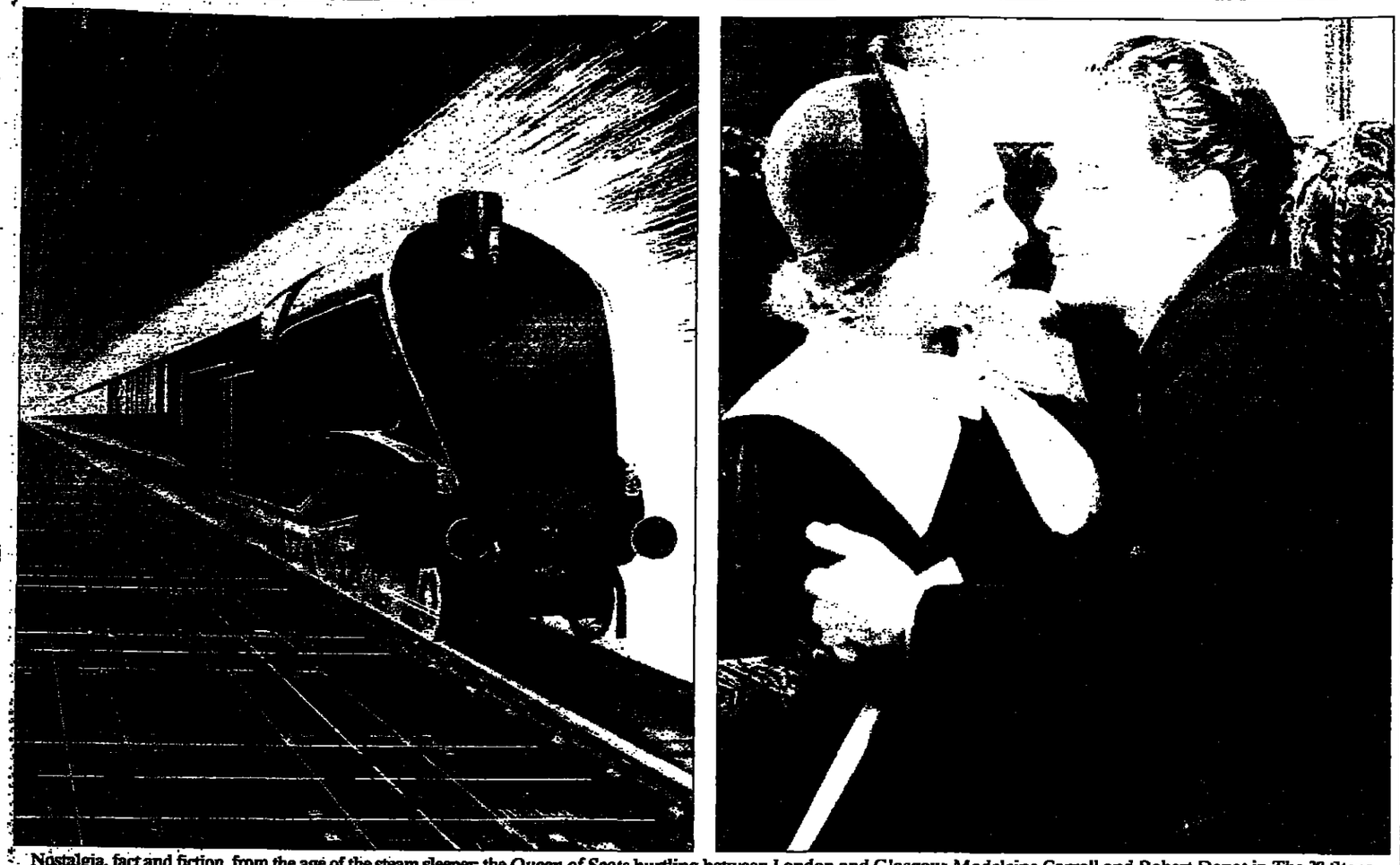
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If the night train from London to Fort William is cut back, **Magnus Linklater** has his memories to cling to



Nostalgia, fact and fiction, from the age of the steam sleeper: the *Queen of Scots* hurtling between London and Glasgow; Madeleine Carroll and Robert Donat in *The 39 Steps*

A sleeping-car named desire

There are two things which make me appear almost indescribably old to my children. One is that, as a journalist, I spent most of my working life in places where type was set in molten metal. The other is that, as a boy, I travelled on steam trains. Both place me in an era which seems to them unimaginable. It sometimes seems like that to me, too.

Reading last week of plans to cut the night sleeper service from London to Fort William, and the threat that hangs over the Inverness InterCity line, I felt a wave of nostalgia. I recalled those years of late nights, backwards and forwards through out my teens, and my memories of them are suffused by images which remain as strong and clear as any I can recall. Catching the night-sleeper from Inverness to Euston on a wet platform with the hiss of steam from the boiler and a cloud of smoke from the engine may sound like something out of *The 39 Steps*, but I can see it more clearly in my mind than the decades of diesel travel that followed.

Not that it was particularly glamorous, except in retrospect, and for me that southward journey is for ever associated with the bleak sensation that went with going back to school — the hollow anxiety in the pit of the stomach, the homesickness that gathered pace with every distancing mile. Steam travel was dirty, noisy and uncomfortable. But it did, I admit, have style.

There were two tickets, both in stiff cardboard, one green for travel, one white for the sleeping berth. You handed them to the sleeping-car attendant who knew all his regular passengers by name, and he asked you if you wanted tea or coffee in the morning. I travelled third-class, which meant a four-berth compartment with no sheets, but two wool blankets, neatly folded at the foot of the bed. There was, I think, a pillowcase, but that was it. The bed was scratchy and uncomfortable, and the steam heating which controlled the temperature usually meant insufferable stuffiness or freezing cold.

Steam meant not only frequent breakdowns, but a permanent grubbiness, which came either from the cinders flying back to catch you unexpectedly in the eye if you leant out, or from an infusion of that curious dampness that I always associate with coal-fired trains. One forgets the blackened stations, or the way you had to jump to dodge the sudden jets of steam that escaped from mysterious pipes as you walked up the platform.

But there was a certain elegance, too. At dinner there were white tablecloths, proper cutlery, a four-course meal and a wine list of which a respectable London club would have been proud. It helped you through a fitful night, which usually involved some form of shunting activity at Crewe, before dawn rose on a bleak Midlands landscape. Round about Rugby the sleeping-car attendant would appear with a small tray containing one teapot, one cup and saucer, all in heavy green china, plus one biscuit. You could, however, go and have a proper breakfast in the dining-car, with kippers or bacon and egg. Somehow, I never felt up to it.

The return journey, however, which meant seeing the sun rise over the heather of the Cairngorms, is still an exhilarating memory. To go to sleep in Nuneaton and to wake in Dalwhinnie is one of life's richer pleasures. I liked the way that the announcements board at Euston listed all the little stopping stations and halts towards the end of the journey: Kingussie, Newtonmore, Aviemore, Carrbridge, Daviot, Tomatin, then Inverness. They sound like a speeding train. That steam service lasted until the summer of 1961, the year after I left school, so it saw out an era for me in more senses than one.

I regret that throughout my sleeping-car life I never had the kind of romantic encounter which should by rights have been part of it. I was told that the overnight train to Inverness was known as "the brothel express", but somehow I think that was more in hope than expectation. Those burly sleeping-car attendants never looked as if they would condone anything as illicit as sex.

But one journey I shall never forget. It was in the depths of winter, and the heating had broken down. There were three of us, adolescent schoolboys in our third-class compartment, and I remember that we derived some pleasure from picking off the ice that had formed on the *inside* of the windows. Even our two regulation blankets were not enough to keep hypothermia at bay, and finally we made for the dining-car in the hope that there might be hot food. We were given three seats at the last free table. In the fourth was a woman, a real, single woman. In my memory she looks like Eva Marie Saint in *North by North West*, though I dare say I exaggerate. We struck up a stilted conversation. British Railways had managed to produce hot soup, but that was all. Afterwards, we faced a return to our freezing berths.

"Why don't you come to my compartment?" she said. "I've got something that might help warm you up."

We followed dumbly. She had a first-class compartment with a satin eiderdown. It was more luxurious and spacious than we could ever have imagined. She produced a bottle of whisky and offered us each a glass. We drank it with pretended sophistication. Gradually we became less tongue-tied. We laughed, made jokes, told her ridiculous stories about school. The night sped past, the cold was forgotten.

I remember thinking that sharing a glass of forbidden whisky with a strange lady in a first-class compartment was the nearest thing to sin I had ever known. I think it probably still is.

High fashion clothed as a religion

The city where designers are being worshipped like demi-gods

PAST no fewer than four sets of triple bouncers, the inner sanctum is reached. There are perhaps a thousand people here, but the viewer is only aware of their heads, since their almost uniformly black garb matches the walls of the tent. The night air is filled with a sense of anticipation and the fruity smell of the new unisex CK perfume. Metallic rock music vibrates the floor.

We have begged and schemed for these tickets, so we wait and wait for the great performance, somehow expecting a warm-up band. Instead we *must* entertain ourselves with celebrity-spotting and in the greetings and snubbings which define the hierarchy in this world.



KATE MUIR

The world's press is here, and the audience has dressed for the event. For men on the cutting edge, a well-tailored black satin jacket is a favoured item, and for women, boots laced to the knee or thigh. Dark brown or plum lipstick is essential. The message is: we care.

What is this monumental occasion? For whom has this painstaking effort been made? Why, this is a mere Tupperware party for clothes, and the audience, as a reward for all its tribulations, is here to promote those clothes. This is the Anna Sui show during New York's fashion week, and final evidence, if it were needed, that fashion has become a demigod worshipped out of all proportion to its worth.

Shows which were once attended only by the trade and magazine editors suddenly became as coveted as a ticket to the opening night of the Metropolitan Opera. The importance of the actresses attending the shows easily outweighed the importance of the fabrics used.

Proof that we have all become victims of fashion came in last week's *New Yorker*, a previously cerebral magazine, which dedicated its full 250 pages to the subject. The great thinkers of the rag trade weighed in. Gianni Versace, for Italy, revealed: "Fashion is not just a piece of fabric. No, no, no. It's an attitude, a way to express." American commentators dug deeper: "Fashion is an instinct yoked to abstraction," and concluded, "What clothes reflect most of all is the eternal desire to be wanted."

The seeds of the fashion-as-religion movement have easily taken root in New York this autumn, and will therefore spread, as trends do, to the rest of the world within the year. Obviously the rot started with supermodels acquiring names, personalities and record and book contracts, swiftly followed by designers being treated with more awe than Nobel prize winners. Shows which were about selling garments seasonally have suddenly turned into pseudo-events where the temperature of popular culture can be taken and its soul examined.

If the Anna Sui show was anything to go by, fashion's soul is in purgatory. You may not know much of Ms Sui, but her influences have ruined many a shopper's day. Sui was the first to bring us grunge and babydoll dresses, and for spring she has seen fit to revive a Forties gangster's moll look, with skin-tight pinstriped suits and satin slips in lime green and pink, coupled with fake fox furs in Day-Glo colours with angry little eyes.

In order that attention is paid, she has to have the right personalities underneath to woo the photographers, and dutifully came up with Linda, Naomi, Nadja, Carla, Helena and Kate. The overblown experience made many secretly long for the days when ladies wore foundation garments, models were anonymous, and fashion shows were kept in their proper place using the term "mannequin parade".

What use is an MP?

If only more of our representatives could cure a pain in the back teeth rather than cause one

I always have a soft spot for a Puritan: they give the rest of us a measure by which to tailor our more flexible moralities. We needed the Methodists to condemn the National Lottery, just as we need teetotallers, vegans, and the snuffling, tea-drinking righteousness of Tony Benn, as rendered in his hilarious tape diaries on Radio 4 (now occupying, by sweet se: ndipity, the same morning slot as both *Adrian Mole* and *Just William*). Puritans are good for us. Bracing.

So I felt at first quite kindly towards John Prescott when he said on Saturday that an MP ought not to have another job because it was a full-time occupation. A good Puritan point of view, on the surface, implying that real MPs trudge constantly around their patch like Red Riding Hood with a basket of beneficence. But his other reason was that it isn't fair for MPs to have two jobs *when millions of their constituents haven't got one*. And at this point sympathy evaporated, and an opposing puritanism rose in me.

Clearly, Mr Prescott mistakes the nature of jobs. So did those ridiculous people who questioned Mr Major's "judgment" because a junior housing minister, Sir Paul Beresford, is allowed to be a part-time dentist. I bet most electors thought the PM's judgment was bang-on, for once. We regard work as a source of discipline and character; not, like Mr Prescott, as a luxury. We were charmed to know that at least one minister has a skill: the revelation that someone in the present administration can actually cure a pain in the back teeth rather than causing one was a relief. We applauded, and thought fondly of the drilling minister.



LIBBY PURVES

Indeed, some of us mooted the idea that it should be compulsory for parliamentary candidates to have a real skill under their belt, unconnected with politics or think-tankery. We dream of being governed by people who can *do* something other than politics.

Think of it: a parliament of carpenters, welders, dentists, vets, physiotherapists, electricians, engineers, butchers, cobblers, boatbuilders, reception-class teachers, hands-on managers, rat catchers, computer programmers . . . even a few lawyers, provided they were of the wholesome sort which has to draw up leases on garden flats and argue in magistrates' courts on behalf of recidivist bag ladies (*journalists* would be allowed in only if they had at least five years' background in factual reporting, and had never written for any political weekly).

Think of the earthiness these new people would bring to debate: the puncturing of pretension, the practical cross-party solutions. Think of the minimalist line they would take over legislation, tending always to the philosophy that if it ain't broke, then you don't fix it.

Think how keen they would be to get business done — by compromise between parties, if necessary — so as to get back to their lathes. Think how bracingly impatient they would be with the press when we rang them up to solicit opinions on things which are none of their business. "Princess of Wales? Whaddyou mean, latest developments? Look, I've got a lorryload of cement outside . . ." Think how little time they would have for writing embarrassing love letters to their researchers.

What is more, imagine how impervious these practical men and women would be to ritual and gossip, pomposity and pecking-orders and the whole hyah-hyah, I-spy-strangers, point-scoring, backstabbing tearoom culture of the Mother of Parliaments. They could not be bullied by whips into defying their consciences, because they would have the confidence that comes from being judged on your results.

A dentist knows that if he botches a job, the fillings will fall out and patients let him know about it. An engineer is either efficient or he is dangerous. Flattery and guile and knowing the right people do not come into it: a little more of that brisk working culture could do wonders for the House of Commons.

Too many of our present MPs went straight from university to be political researchers or teach trade union studies or lobby for social charities; politics has been their life. No wonder they lose their sense of normality, and turn into neurotic, hysterical, sitting targets for bribes and flattery.

My tradesman-MPs, I like to think, would never fall victim to the illusion that politics are the centre of the world. We would not see absurdities like Roger Gale shrieking "whore from hell" at mild-mannered Peter Preston for touching the sacred portcullis notepaper.

Nor the insulting nonsense over the Post Office affair, which was discussed by press and politicians alike entirely in terms of what it did to Mr Heseltine's career. My proposed parliament-of-the-practical would have seen it the way that normal people did. They would have grasped the fact, seemingly invisible to career politicians, that the Post Office itself is infinitely more important, useful and interesting than Mr Heseltine can ever be. It delivers things. It is useful.

Elected MPs would have to go part-time, of course. But their real jobs would still be there, a rock foundation to their lives. When politics got too much for them, they could go back to their workbenches as Churchill went to his bricklaying, and grow sane again. They would represent us better, not worse.

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Matthew Parris



■ I only wish my life had been as interesting as the libel makes out. Newspapers, dream some more

Pooftah Parris Parties On, said the headline. I read on, my eyes wide with wonder.

One of the many regrettable gaps in a life which has been, so far, too short to include everything one would want to try, is that I have never actually given a transvestite party. It is a shame. It's more a matter of oversight than conscious decision. I don't *think* I've even been to a transvestite party given by anyone else, though the memory can play tricks, and I confess I did once eat in a transvestite Thai restaurant in Earls Court . . . at least I think it was.

That cross-dressing has never appealed personally — not, anyway, since at the ages of seven and eight in Cyprus my brother and I put on two of Mum's dresses, smeared lipstick on our faces and teetered through the house in her high-heeled shoes, squealing with laughter — is beside the point. I love the company of people who are brave, different, outrageous or fun.

So I was disappointed to read that headline last week. A whole chapter of my life had been published in a magazine called *Scallywag* and I hadn't actually been there. I hadn't been there when it happened, and I hadn't been there when it was published — some three months ago while I was in Bolivia. I had heard nothing about it. Quite by chance, a friend remarked to me in the press gallery bar at the Commons last week: "Incidentally, who was the middle-aged male Tory minister in evening dress, stockings and high-heels who liked to be called Joan?"

I have since procured the article.

Times columnist and erstwhile MP Matthew Parris is still sorely missed by his erstwhile boyfriends and the landlady of the pub in his former constituency of Derbyshire where he held outrageous drag parties after hours.

But what remains a mystery are the names of the other MPs who took part. One, said to be from a Midlands constituency, was of middle height, tubby and balding. He regularly turned up in evening dress, high heels, stockings and suspenders, full make-up with ruby-red lips and told everyone he wanted to be called Joan.

What isn't a mystery is that Parris resigned just before the [*News of the*] Screws was about to reveal all.

This is marvellous! As a matter of fact I still live in West Derbyshire, but in the last 16 years I cannot remember entertaining another Midlands MP of this description, let alone at a drag party, let alone above a pub. The only minister I do remember entertaining in the 1980s was Dr Rhodes Boyson, who came to speak to the Matlock Conservative branch. Afterwards, we shared a whisky, then I put him in the spare room, under my special *Superman* quilt.

Delightful and amusing as Rhodes is, it is really extremely difficult to imagine him in suspenders and lipstick, asking to be called Joan. Full of regret, I dismissed the hypothesis. But could there have been an after-hours session at a local pub at which someone was mistaken for an MP? My local, in a village called Elton, is the Duke of York.

Here, readers, an apology is called for. I realise it is tedious to make jokes which mean nothing to most of you, and I try not to. There cannot be more than a score of *Times* readers familiar with the Duke of York who remember its previous publican. But such will be the mirth among those who do recall the late Mr William Bloor at the very thought of a transvestite party at the Duke, involving Tory MPs called Joan, that I think the huge merriment afforded to a few readers can be weighed against the incomprehension occasioned to the many — and still prevail. It was Bill, who, on being asked whether his pub sold Benson & Hedges, said: "This isn't a cigarette shop. Bugger off." It was Bill who responded to a request for a gin and tonic by snorting: "We don't serve fancy London drinks here." It was Bill who caught someone from the council houses smuggling in three pieces of coal in a brown paper bag, in the hope of enlivening the publican's miserly fire, and banned him. Joan would not have got through Bill's door, let alone upstairs, let alone after hours.

> I hereby promise that I shall never, ever sue — with one exception

Sadly, I had to dismiss, too, the possibility that the "landlady" in the *Scallywag* story was Bill in drag. The very thought is more than outlandish: it is painful.

Sadly, then, the story must be dismissed. Sadly because I should be proud to think I had the guts to give an after-hours drag party in the pub in West Derbyshire when I was its MP, or subsequently. But I am not so daring. It would be exciting to believe I quit Parliament to avoid a scandal, but to my shame my life was not so exciting.

Still, it made for a laugh. In the hope of more laughs — and in the settled conviction that our libel laws are perfectly absurd — may I make *Scallywag* and every other publication an offer? I solemnly promise I shall never, in any circumstances whatsoever, whatever the provocation and however great the untruth, embark on any action for libel, ever . . . with one exception. If anyone should allege that I am a heterosexual, I shall sue.

Journalists, like politicians, need outside contacts, but most know where to draw the line

When is a bribe just a friendly gesture?

William Rees-Mogg

I read last Friday's Gallup poll in *The Daily Telegraph* with particular interest. It listed eight types of benefit which a member of Parliament might be offered and the public reaction to each of them. I asked myself which of these benefits I have accepted in my time as a journalist, and found that I had in practice accepted three of them (though happily the three least criticised).

Journalists are not in a position to be paid for asking parliamentary questions, a practice of which 98 per cent of the public rightly disapprove. We are sometimes offered free holidays abroad, particularly if we are travel correspondents, though sometimes news trips can come disturbingly close to being free holidays; 92 per cent disapprove of that. We can be offered money or gifts in connection with our duties — 89 per cent disapprove. We can be offered a weekend at the Ritz, or an equivalent hotel — that could be acceptable to cover a special event, but as a straight holiday is objected to by 87 per cent. We could be offered payment for advice about official matters — 85 per cent disapprove. No good journalist is willing to be a part-time public relations man, and newspapers do not like it either.

Then there come the three benefits I have usually felt free to accept. Free tickets for Wimbledon and other major sporting events have never given me a qualm — but I find that a surprising 69 per cent of people disapprove of MPs accepting them. Free lunches at a restaurant seem to be part of the ordinary social exchange of political and public life. Even nowadays I either give or receive one or two such invitations a week. These are disapproved of by 47 per cent, although 48 per cent regard them as acceptable. I have always been more uncomfortable about Christmas presents such as wine; a single bottle may be one thing, a crate of whisky would certainly be inappropriate. For some years the Israeli Embassy used to send me a new year hamper of melons, presumably to advertise their agricultural produce. A present of wine at Christmas is thought acceptable by 51 per cent, but a solid 45 per cent think it wrong.

There can be no reason why people in other public professions, of which journalism is one, should set themselves looser standards than are appropriate for MPs. So far as I know, most journalists do not hesitate about accepting a free lunch or a free ticket to Wimbledon, should they be lucky enough to receive one; most would only accept a Christmas present of trivial value, and would not accept payment for anything to do with their job; we would regard accepting payment to insert a paragraph in a newspaper as an offence worthy of dismissal. Journalists also judge by the reputation of the donor — even the smallest gift from Harrods would now be in a category of its own.

On the retirement of John Thadeus Delane, the greatest of the 19th-century editors of *The Times*, Disraeli asked: "Who now will do the social side?" He was referring to the endless lunches and dinners, for Delane used to ride back late at night to Printing House Square to put the paper to bed after a fashionable dinner at one of the great London houses. Both politicians and journalists need to "do the social side". Political life, and its reporting, depend on information; much of that information is gossip and some of it is almost intangible — how someone looks, the flickering of an eye or the shrug of a shoulder.

The network of information is worldwide — one could write an insider's London political column from the front hall of the Mandarin Hotel in Hong Kong — and social. A good politician will not rely solely on the lobbyists of the House of Commons; he needs to know what is being said in all the different circles of national life, and he will certainly not neglect the embassies. The same goes for journalists. Political correspondents are employed to know what is being said, and cannot rely merely on public speeches.

The distinction comes between the job and the social life. No one should accept payments which might affect the work they do. That obviously creates an objection to MPs who receive fees from lobbyists. Such fees would be totally unacceptable in journalistic practice, and they will probably soon be ruled out of parliamentary practice: the Gallup poll suggests that 89 per cent think they are wrong. On the other hand, politicians do need to have extensive personal contacts, and some of these social occasions will certainly be paid for by other people.

For instance, it is a politician's job to accept at least some of the invitations that come from the embassies. Unless every member of Parliament is to have a house in Belgrave Square, as Chips Channon had, that means sometimes accepting hospitality which cannot be repaid, and doing so with no sense of obligation. It is just as much an ambassador's duty to feed MPs with canapés as it is the MPs' to eat them. A fragment of smoked salmon on a finger of toast is not a bribe.

That the esteem in which MPs are held is declining is certain but not necessarily fair. No doubt MPs change as society changes, but it is unfair to the majority of them that only 26 per cent of the public believe that "most MPs have a high personal moral code". Even those MPs caught falling below the proper standards do not necessarily have low moral codes. All of us sometimes fall short of our own standards. Politicians still behave with much the same mixture of altruism, good sense, banality and foolishness as they did in the 1950s or in earlier history. There are, as it happens, now no spectacular crooks in the House. In the 1960s, Bob Maxwell sat on the Labour benches, along with Tom Driberg, John Stonehouse and George Wigg. Those were the days when sleaze had a certain grandeur.

Politics has always been a coarse business; power has seldom been successfully wielded by men of a narrow or cloistered virtue. No political assembly has ever been free from minor corruptions. My impression *is* that modern politicians are on average no better or worse than their neighbours; most of them are trying to do a rather difficult job in a proper way by their own lights.

How one judges them depends on one's starting point. If one expects human beings to be 99 per cent perfect, a visit to the Commons will be a nasty shock. If one expects human beings to be poor, miserable sinners, stumbling through the many difficulties of life, then it will turn out to be much as one expects. So will the House of Lords. Most dukes are jolly, most bishops are kindly, most members of the Commons are as honest as the whips will allow. What more can one expect?

The changes may lie not so much in Parliament itself, but among the lobbyists and in the press. Certainly journalists are now more aggressive in pursuing even the faintest suggestion of impropriety. Jonathan Aitken, it is discovered, may have had a meal on a 184ft yacht. That invites the question: how long a yacht can an MP visit without putting it on the register of interests? Winston Churchill used to spend weeks holidaying in the Mediterranean on Aristotle Onassis's yacht *Christina*, which was over 200ft long. Was that sleaze?

The lobbyists are also more aggressive, as are their clients. In the 1960s, some temptations could be escaped because they did not exist. I think I can name a Tory MP of the time who would have asked a parliamentary question for much less than the equivalent of £1,000. He certainly spied on the 1922 Committee for both *The Daily Express* and the Labour Party, and probably for the KGB as well. Perhaps Parliament needs to tighten up the laws which cover corrupt inducement to its members, as well as on their conduct.

Look for the Blair necessities

Tony Blair is wise not to expect an easy election victory, writes Peter Riddell



Tony Blair is cautious, by instinct and experience. When Labour moved into the lead in the opinion polls in 1986 and 1990, he did not share his colleagues' belief that the party *would* win the following elections. He only said Labour *could* win. Similarly now, he is not certain that Labour will win in 1996-97. That caution is not just a warning against complacency; he believes that for all their current troubles, the Tories will counter-attack strongly.

Mr Blair's first task, though, is to ensure that Labour is ready. He signalled dramatically in his party conference speech that he wants to move Labour away from its traditional ideological basis and trade union links to become a more broadly based left-of-centre party. Replacing Clause Four with a new statement of aims is the main symbolic change. Few now doubt Mr Blair's determination to do this, as the muttering of criticism on the Labour Left shows.

The narrow vote at the Blackpool conference in favour of retaining Clause Four was an embarrassment rather than a setback, though it suggested some tactical naivety on the part of the new leadership as well as underlining how strong the forces of "old Labour" remain. Unlike Hugh Gaitskell's failed attempt to rewrite Clause Four in 1960, the question now is not whether it should change, but how. By opening up the debate, Mr Blair risks a challenge from traditional socialists. His allies are keen to ensure that the new statement concentrates on values, principally social justice, and does not become embroiled in arguments about policy details. A group of left-wing MPs, backed by some members of the shadow Cabinet, will this week publish a draft with a distinctively "socialist" definition of equality. Some unions are also keen to word it so as to imply public ownership of utilities.

Less noticed has been the shake-up of the party organisation through the appointment of Tom Sawyer as general secretary. Mr Blair believes that an efficient and vigorous party machine is vital to enthuse activists. That view is shared by John Prescott, who is working closely and smoothly with Mr Blair, despite their differences of background and temperament. Their immediate aim is to boost membership. This would incidentally reduce the party's dependence on the unions, both financially and by cutting the relative share of the block vote at party conferences. Because he was elected by a ballot of MPs, individual party members and payers of the union political levy who support Labour, Mr Blair is less dependent on union general secretaries (several of whom tried to block his election) than any of his recent predecessors.

His biggest missed opportunity so far has been in reshuffling his shadow team. He probably made the best job he could of shifting around the shadow Cabinet, given the mixed bag of those elected. But despite the promotion of some able MPs to number-two slots — such as Andrew Smith as shadow Chief Secretary, Joan Ruddock on "green" issues, and Brian Wilson at trade and industry — the changes, though extensive, have left many mediocrities in place. It is hard to envisage Kevin McNamara, a decent and well-liked veteran now over 60, supplying much new thinking about the Civil Service. And the appointment of several bright sparks from the 1992 intake (Tessa Jowell, Barbara Roche, Geoff Hoon and Peter Mandelson) to the whips' office to learn more about the workings of Westminster has caused friction with the forces of "old Labour" among the senior whips.

Mr Blair has so far been stronger on "values" than on the details of policy. He was careful not to embrace the recent report of the Social Justice Commission in its entirety, so as to avoid being tied to a large number of expensive spending proposals. He will take forward some specific ideas on pensions and requiring graduates to repay a large part of their costs as students. These, and other proposals, such as taxing child benefit at the higher rate, raise questions of targeting and means-testing which will require delicate finessing.

Underpinning all these changes is the belief that Labour has to demonstrate that it is aware of ordinary people's aspirations. Mr Blair does not assume that voters' dislike of the Tories will automatically translate into positive support for Labour. Nor does he assume that the Tories' ideological uncertainty, as shown by the latest soul-searching after the abandonment (at least for this year) of Post Office privatisation, will prevent John Major from mounting a strong election campaign, as he has in the past.

Mr Blair knows he has to counter the Tories on tax cuts and on the flag — both Europe and constitutional change. That is why Robin Cook, who will talk to the CBI today about Europe, was given the foreign affairs portfolio.

But the trickiest issue of all remains tax. Gordon Brown has been like a battering-ram in repeatedly talking about Tory tax rises and in trying to shed Labour's "tax and spend" image. He has achieved some success, while taking scant credit. The next stage is to broaden the debate — whether you call it the "fairness" debate or the quality of life — to include the increased costs borne by people as a result of government policies. This is partly intended to counter the cuts in direct tax expected in the Budget of November 1995 and a year later if no election has been held by then.

Ministers believe such tax cuts are a winner either way. If Labour opposes, or promises to reverse them, they would become the central issue of the subsequent election. Alternatively, if Labour accepted them, the Tories would argue that Labour's spending pledges cannot be afforded without tax increases.

Many Tories believe that waving the flag and tax cuts can never fail. Perhaps Mr Blair can only neutralise, or at least reduce, their impact, and will have to rely on public disenchantment with a tired Government, in office for too long. The Prime Minister may have settled for consolidation, but he still has some strong cards to play — and Labour has not yet worked out how to trump them.

Over Hurd

THERE have been rumblings in recent days about the future of our Foreign Secretary. Douglas, it is being said, increasingly speaks of leaving John Major's Government, probably next summer by when he will be 65. The sleaze allegations undoubtedly irk Hurd, as he disclosed in a speech on Friday, and the decision to delay the Post Office privatisation appears to rankle with him. Moreover, an insider tells me that Hurd and his old friend Chris Patten have "chatted about their respective futures" within the past fortnight.

So widespread are the Douglas-wants-to-go rumours that talk has turned to his likely successor. Once, our cerebral Defence Secretary Malcolm Rifkind was the favourite. Another Scot, Ian Lang, cannot be discounted, and Sir Leon Brittan featured momentarily when he hesitated about remaining in Brussels.

But the hot money is now, I hear, on Sir Patrick Mayhew. "Look what he's done in Northern Ireland," acclaims one Cabinet colleague. And much is made of his friendship with the Prime Minister, dating back to 1981, when "Paddy" Mayhew took on the *ingénu* Major as his parliamentary aide. Nor, points out a middle-ranking minister, does the Northern Ireland Secretary carry any ideological baggage over Europe. In the words of my Cabinet mole: "He hasn't put a foot wrong — so far."



DIARY

● *Honorary citizenship of Venice will be bestowed today upon an American who has spent 40 years in London — James Sherwood, boss of Sea Containers, saviour of the Orient Express and sponsor of both "The Genius . . ." and "The Glory of Venice" exhibitions. He will be given the keys of La Serenissima at a reception held in the magnificent Cipriani Hotel — also owned, of course, by Sherwood.*

In for a Pound

THE banker in T.S. Eliot would have approved. A student who bought a copy of the poet's first book for £1.50 is to auction it to pay for his university studies. *Prufrock and Other Observations* was never reprinted as a volume, and Christie's expects the copy to fetch £1,000. Issued in 1917, the edition of just a few hundred copies took years to sell out.

Christopher Hogg bought the unpretentious little volume in a Bournemouth bookshop, and will resume his BA course in English literature at King's College London once the sale money has come in.

The experience has inspired him to heights of whimsy. His "Feelings on Finding a First Edition" ends in fine feline style:

> But part of me won't raise its glass
> because part of me knows
> that if I was really lucky
> I'd have found myself instead.

Black day

WITH excellent intentions, no doubt, Lambeth Council's Labour, Lib Dem and Tory leaders, plus chief executive Henry Gilbey, set off for the district auditor's offices to discuss their cash problems. They shared a taxi to Millbank — "as economical as the Tube for four people," sniffs an insider.

Perhaps. But the quartet then asked the cabbie to come back in an hour to return them to the people's republic. But such was the intensity of their discussions, I understand, that the waiting time on the clock came to £57.

● *In the now completed film about Sir Richard Scott's arms-to-Iraq inquiry, be assured that actor Jeremy Clyde executes a perfect imitation of Alan Clark's rather peculiar gait. For Clyde had the ideal teacher. After seeing the stage version, the former defence minister chastised Clyde for feebly emulating his swagger. Whereupon Clark was spotted tutoring Clyde in the finer aspects of his walk along Kilburn High Road in the early hours of the morning.*

Plotting

THE gardens of Westminster Abbey, largely untouched for the last 900 years, are facing a revolution. The abbey's new canon steward, the Rev David Hutt, is a prizewinning horticulturist. He takes over in February, and his green fingers are already itching.

For eight years, he has been vicar of All Saints', Margaret Street, in the West End, where his Busy Lizzie, variegated laurels and camellias are forever winning prizes.

Hutt has been looking around:



Self-contemplation with sculptor

"It has box trees, flower beds, trees and grass," he says. "Fortunately, I don't have to do the mowing. Yes, changes are possible."

Statuesque

JOANNA LUMLEY was in Cork Street last week explaining what she likes at her bedside. At the opening of the David Messum Gallery's exhibition of Karin Jonzen's sculptures, she posed happily beside one that she herself owns, *Woman Contemplating*.

She explained: "I find it very soothing. When I wake up in the middle of the night it keeps me tranquil." Sir Hugh Casson put a different slant on it. "It holds the essential spirit of womanhood — strong yet sensual," he breathed.

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THE GROUND SHIFTS

The odds are lengthening against the Bosnian Serbs

The significance of the recent Bosnian advances is that they shift the politics of war in Bosnia, and for the first time to the Serbs' detriment. The intensification of the fighting in Bosnia further complicates the position of the UN Protection Force in the short term. But it complicates that of the Bosnian Serb leaders even more, and that could improve the prospects for a political settlement.

Even if some of the recent Bosnian gains are reversed, they have dented the myth of Serbian military invincibility. The loss of Kupres, the first Bosnian town to be wrested from Serb hands, is important not just because it shows that the Serbs can no longer count on crushing Bosnian troops before they have got more than a few miles. Tactical co-operation between Bosnian government and Bosnian Croat forces, always present in the Brcko corridor, has now been extended to central Bosnia.

The outburst against UNPROFOR by Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, is revealing. Underlying his rejection of every peace plan on offer has been the expectation that coupled with the arms embargo, UNPROFOR's presence would freeze the battle lines. Well supplied from Belgrade, the Serbs could thus count on keeping the 70 per cent of territory they overran two years ago simply by holding out against a settlement. Now, despite UNPROFOR's conciliatory posture towards the Bosnian Serb headquarters in Pale, the odds on this political gamble are at last lengthening.

The Bosnian Serb commander, Ratko Mladic, insists that his aim is still "the unification of all Serb lands", and that "borders are drawn with blood". But militarily, even though they cannot be defeated, the Bosnian Serbs will have a hard time holding the existing lines against more professional and well-armed assault. Mr Karadzic has ordered a general mobilisation, but the manpower is not there. They have always been thinly spread, depending on superior firepower and mobility. Since Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian President, sealed the border last August, they have become increasingly short of fuel as well.

The horrors of "ethnic cleansing" justly caught the world's attention, but an estimated 600,000 Serbs also fled the fighting. The Bosnian Serb assembly is expected to declare martial law this week. It would not need to, had not physical hardship and political isolation begun to loosen support for the Pale leadership — even among the military, to judge by last month's well-sourced reports from Belgrade of purges of senior Bosnian Serb army officials.

Mr Karadzic undoubtedly hopes that Mr Milosevic, whose government has belatedly broken silence over the recent offensives, will reopen Serbia's borders. But Belgrade carefully gave no comfort to Pale yesterday. Instead, the statement called on "all parties" to cease fire; and insisted that the five-power peace plan is "the only rational way" forward. Mr Milosevic perceives the lifting of international sanctions against Serbia as a necessary condition of staying in power; and about power, he has always been serious.

Mr Milosevic seems content to let Mr Karadzic swing for a while on the rope of his choosing. Bypassing Pale — as they should long ago have done — Russia and the West should concentrate on confirming the Serbian leader in his belief that his interest lies in recasting himself in the role of conciliator, rather than champion of Greater Serbia. Serbo-Croat peace talks are proceeding, albeit slowly. If the presidents of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia were jointly to affirm the existing frontiers of all all former Yugoslav republics, that would leave the Bosnian Serbs no real choice between continuing the war, and signing up to a Bosnian federation. France has proposed such a summit; its feasibility should be actively explored.

BUSINESS AT BIRMINGHAM

The CBI's problems no longer begin at home

One of the problems facing any successful pressure group is what it should do once it has achieved its goals. The agenda for this year's annual meeting of the Confederation of British Industry in Birmingham looks almost contemplative. The CBI has the luxury of reflecting on industry's successes.

Industrialists in Britain have achieved most of their avowed objectives. In the past 15 years the economy has been substantially privatised and deregulated. The balance of power has swung decisively from meddling governments and overweaning trade unions in favour of managers, investors and entrepreneurs. The principles of capitalism have come to be universally respected and broadly understood. Enterprise is considered admirable and profit has been acknowledged as a measure of success in almost every walk of life.

In macroeconomic policies the present Government is doing almost exactly what the CBI wants. The main emphasis is on the long-term control of inflation, rather than trying to manage the business cycle or offer short-term palliatives for unemployment. Of course, Chancellors have insisted that controlling inflation was their sole macroeconomic objective throughout the 15 years of Tory government, and never more so than during the disastrous flirtation with the ERM. But the CBI never challenged ERM membership, so it would be churlish for industrialists to complain about the much smaller monetary miscalculations arguably being made now.

With so many of its wishes satisfied, the CBI's role is changing. On certain issues outside the mainstream of party politics, for example deregulation, capital taxation and the private financing of public investment, there is still plenty of scope for traditional lobbying. But the CBI's main function, at least under this Government, may not be as a lobbyist but as a forum in which businessmen can help themselves to prepare for the future and to discover coherent viewpoints on some of the major political issues that lie ahead.

The issues dominating this week's agenda — social policy and Europe — provide good examples. On social policy, it will rightly highlight long-term unemployment among unskilled workers as one of the great social challenges of the 1990s. The CBI is now trying to outline an intellectually coherent programme to tackle the complex causes of structural unemployment and to look seriously at such approaches as selective employment subsidies, training levies and extra public spending on education which might at one time have been considered beyond the remit of business.

On Europe, by contrast, the CBI's thinking is still as contradictory as it was in the days of the ERM. In a poll of top businessmen released yesterday, which may be used as a foundation for policymaking by the CBI, support for a single currency was overwhelming — with 28 per cent insisting that a single currency is necessary for a single market and a further 56 per cent saying it would be good for business. Yet, when asked whether they supported deeper European integration, only 12 per cent said yes. It is the shared view of Brussels, the Bundesbank and this newspaper that a single currency cannot be achieved without profound political integration and fiscal centralisation. When Padraig Flynn, the Employment and Social Affairs Commissioner, sets out his stall today to CBI members, this is one of many questions to which he is not likely to provide an answer.

BACK TO THE FORE

Boxing has seldom seen a night like this

Rarely has a comeback been so triumphant. George Foreman's victory over Michael Moorer was greeted with rapturous cheers by the crowd of 12,000 in Las Vegas. Beyond the boxing ring, it seemed that all America joined in the euphoria of the 45-year-old grandfather who defied age, flab and the derisive predictions of boxing experts to win a tenth-round knockout victory over a man 19 years his junior. The young at heart everywhere should join them. Boxing has rarely seen a night like this.

The new heavyweight world champion has scored a victory as rich in sporting and spiritual metaphor as he now is after pocketing the $65 million in commercial deals riding on the back of his knockout. Foreman himself was in no doubt about the significance. It was, first and foremost, the exorcising of the ghost of Muhammad Ali, whose victory over him 20 years ago in the depths of the Zairean night had hovered like an ever-present reproach over his alleged lack of fight at the time. But more universally, the result vindicated what Foreman said before the bout: "I'm fighting for every guy who ever got told to 'act your age'."

Sport is a cruel discipline, that tests the mind as well as the body to extremes. Invariably the moment of greatness passes, prey to envious and calumniating time. But just occasionally we see an extraordinary triumph of the will: Torvill and Dean returning to the Olympic podium a decade after retirement, Martina Navratilova still winning through to the Wimbledon finals, the hundreds of runners in their fifties who complete the London Marathon each year.

Foreman holds only two of the championships, and only because of the absence of Mike Tyson. But his return to the pinnacle is a remarkable triumph over an addiction to cheeseburgers, the cynicism of promoters, the ghost of defeat and the assumption that once a former champion has retired to his Texas ranch with his wife and nine children the world has little more interest in him.

Many now see in Foreman a boxer from an earlier, golden age. The moral comparison with more recent champions could not be more stark: Foreman is a preacher, who began his comeback as a gimmick to raise money for his church in the appropriately named town of Humble; Tyson is now in a Chicago prison serving a sentence for rape. Moorer boxed beautifully on Saturday and almost won on points; but his fault in not keeping in close enough and giving the older man leverage to land his terrible punches was a serious professional error.

Boxing has its critics. But few, even among its opponents, would begrudge a victory to a man who has redeemed his own and the sport's reputation. A comeback is, however, necessarily brief. Foreman should now step out of the ring again, and in the words of many a boxing manager, quit while he is ahead.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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General's view of Bosnia mandate

From Dr Noel Malcolm and others

Sir, In his long, self-justifying letter (November 2), Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose uses the phrase "peacekeeping mission" to describe the Unprofor operation which he commands in Bosnia. In numerous recent interviews he has also described his forces as "peacekeepers". This description is false.

The mandate of the Unprofor mission in Bosnia is supplied by a number of UN Security Council resolutions (above all, nos. 770, 776, 781, 819, 820 and 836). These resolutions do not refer to peacekeeping.

What most of them specify instead is "facilitating the delivery of humanitarian aid". In addition, resolution 836 is concerned with the protection of the so-called safe areas.

In carrying out this mandate, Unprofor is authorised to use force if obstructed. It is on Bosnian territory with the consent of the Bosnian government, which is therefore entitled to expect that Unprofor will use force, whenever necessary, to ensure the delivery of aid.

The point at issue here is not a matter of mere semantics: it affects the whole way in which General Rose carries out his mission. Any normal "peacekeeping" mandate does indeed require the UN commander to treat the opposing sides with absolute symmetry.

But a mandate concerned with the delivery of aid can carry no such symmetry with it, if one side has been pursuing a systematic strategy of siege and starvation. A massive attack on a civilian population was launched by Serb forces in April 1992, and has continued ever since.

General Rose was sent to Bosnia to assist the delivery of aid which had become necessary as a result of that attack. He must know that he was not sent to keep a non-existent "peace" between the victims and their attackers.

Yours faithfully,
NOEL MALCOLM,
QUINTIN HOARE,
BRANKA MAGAS,
(Members, Alliance to Defend Bosnia-Herzegovina),
6 St Quintin's Gardens, W10.
November 6.

Mis-sold pensions

From Mr Ralph Instone

Sir, Mr John Spokes, QC (letter, October 29), assumes that the liability for mis-sold personal pension plans will have to be paid at the expense of the other policyholders.

But since the mis-selling results from managerial shortcomings and not from the maladministration of an existing fund, the liability (to the extent that it exceeds the policyholder's accrued interest) ought plainly to be borne, in the case of proprietary companies, by their shareholders' funds, which by law have to be separately maintained.

It is only in the case of mutual societies, which have no shareholders' funds, that the excess liability will have to be discharged at the expense of their policy-holders.

Yours faithfully,
RALPH INSTONE,
18 Fairacres,
Roehampton Lane, SW15.
November 2.

From Mr J. J. F. Francis

Sir, While not in any way condoning the part played by the life assurance companies in the mis-selling of personal pensions, I feel some blame lies with companies which have occupational pension schemes.

At my former place of work we recognised the danger that employees could be subjected to pressure-selling of personal pension plans. We produced a video which was shown to all UK employees in the group, explaining the benefits of the group pension scheme and the possible problems presented by personal pension plans.

As a result, the defections from the group occupational pension scheme were almost non-existent. Any employee wanting to change was interviewed at a senior level and the proposal from the life company examined and the benefits of both that proposal and the company scheme compared.

I believe that if this approach had been followed widely throughout the industry it might have reduced the number of people — two million has been quoted — who have suffered.

Yours faithfully,
J. J. F. FRANCIS
(Chairman, Gateway Corporation Pension Fund Trustees Ltd, 1984-89),
Llywarch, Rhoscolyn, Anglesey.

Aitken and Al Fayed, and other aspects of 'sleaze'

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, Paul Johnson ("Paper-thin morality", November 1) seemed confident that the fax sent to the Ritz Hotel on House of Commons notepaper and purporting to come from Jonathan Aitken, MP, was a forgery punishable as a crime. The Director of Public Prosecutions, and Treasury counsel advising her, may not be so confident.

The fax was an instrument which was false within the meaning of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 (section 8). Writing and sending it would only become criminal if it were with the intention of inducing someone to accept it as genuine, and by so accepting it to do, or not to do, some act to his own or any other person's prejudice.

There is a definition of prejudice in section 10 (1) of the Act. Broadly, a person is prejudiced if deprived of property or an opportunity to earn remuneration, or if he has regarded the false document as genuine in connection with his performance of any duty.

The Ritz Hotel could not claim to have been prejudiced, as its owner initiated the deception. Mr Aitken was no doubt annoyed, and perhaps embarrassed, by what had been done: but his feelings in these respects do not seem to come within the statutory definition of prejudice.

Yours truly,
FREDERICK LAWTON,
1 The Village,
Skelton, Yorkshire.
November 5.

From Dr M. Schachter

Sir, Perhaps other readers of Woodrow Wyatt's stirring attack on the AlFayed brothers ("Not fit to be British", November 1) will also have noticed a curious omission.

It is not disputed that the Al Fayeds gave the Conservative Party a generous donation of £250,000. It goes without saying that the party must at the time have considered them men of the highest honour and integrity, not unlike Mr Asil Nadir and Mr Octav Botnar.

It must follow that, after their recent sad disappointment, the party would not wish to keep such tainted money. Naturally they will return the money to the Al-Fayeds, or perhaps donate it to charity.

Yours faithfully,
M. SCHACHTER,
50 Edwin Court,
Binsey Lane, Oxford.
November 1.

From Mr Seweryn Chomet

Sir, Mr Al Fayed's anecdote about pyramids and stars (letter, November 2) sounded a little better when, in its original version, it came spontaneously from the lips of a British prime minister in the House of Commons. When asked whether he was Jewish, Disraeli declared that he was "and what's more, when the Honourable Member's ancestors were savages in an unknown land, mine were priests in the Temple".

I suppose neither version is a slave to absolute veracity, but Disraeli's version has the merit of priority, at least.

Yours truly,
SEWERYN CHOMET,
King's College London,
Department of Physics,
Strand, WC2.

From Mr Brinsley Black

Sir, My wife is extremely worried that a piece of our writing paper has been stolen and may be used in a fax to Mr Al Fayed at Harrods, requesting a copy of her account. Her concern is not so much that it may be printed in *The Guardian* but, much worse, sent to me.

Yours faithfully,
BRINSLEY BLACK,
17 Lansdowne Walk, W11.
November 2.

From Mr Terence J. O'Connell

Sir, If it is considered right for investigative journalists to resort to subterfuge to entrap politicians, I wonder why the police should not be permitted to entrap criminals by similar means?

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE O'CONNELL
(Commander, CID,
Metropolitan Police, 1975-80),
Auderville, Alderney, Channel Isles.
November 6.

From Mr Christopher Bosanquet

Sir, An American client has a simple rule on the giving or receiving of gifts: no money — and any gift must be consumable within 24 hours.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BOSANQUET,
Christopher Bosanquet
(Public relations),
56-60 St John Street, EC1.
November 1.

From Mr Richard Holmes

Sir, Walking up an escalator past a poster for the film, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, we overheard the conversation of the young family in front of us. "Look", cried the little girl, "there's Dopey!". "Yes", chimed in her brother, "and that's Sleazy with him".

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HOLMES,
Latchwood,
Tye Close, Saltdean, Sussex.
November 1.

Statistical probabilities and questions of inherited IQ

From Mr Anton Collyer, CStat

Sir, It seems to me that a good deal of the controversy regarding Herrnstein and Murray's book, *The Bell Curve* (letters, October 29 and November 3), has arisen out of a lack of appreciation of statistical inference, a difficult subject at the best of times.

Strangely, it is possible for a population to possess attributes that are not necessarily possessed by the individuals of that population. For instance, the more times a coin is tossed the more closely you will find the number of "heads" averages 50 per cent of the total.

This is an undeniable property of the population consisting of all the throws. But this property is meaningless in the context of an individual throw and it certainly does not mean the next throw will, somehow, end up half way between a head and a tail. Indeed, whatever the population average is, it gives you no objective insight whatsoever about the outcome of any individual throw.

Similarly, a racial group may possess a higher or lower IQ than average. This would be an undeniable property of that group. However, it supplies no objective insight into any specific individual's IQ within that group.

Statistics deal with populations. Politics deal with populations of individuals. *Vive la différence!*

Yours faithfully,
ANTON COLLYER,
Winton, Royston Grove,
Hatch End, Middlesex.
November 1.

From Professor Emeritus Peter Yates

Sir, Intelligence seems to be a reflection of the quantity and complexity of the connections between nerve cells in the brain. As with the early development of all parts of our body it is undeniable that our genes have the greatest role.

However, it is also true that we are none of us quite what our genes intended us to be: we are all the result of a compromise with the environment which has its greatest influence for good or bad on the brain during intrauterine life and for a few months thereafter.

Of great importance are the mother's hormonal and nutritional balances at that time. The damaging effect of many drugs and of infections such as German measles to an early embryo is well known, as should be the traumatic effects of many birth deliveries on the nervous system.

This early stage of all our lives is where the greatest benefit of intervention will be felt. School teachers and social workers can have small effect if the basic structure is faulty.

Yours faithfully,
P. O. YATES,
Beach House, Shore Road,
Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancashire.
November 2.

From Professor Emeritus Edward Garden

Sir, Your leader of October 31, "Test of intelligence", correctly states that "few would now claim that IQ testing is an infallible or even sufficient guide to intelligence".

In my own subject — music — Mozart, who often composed mentally and then wrote down the result with ease, would have scored highly; whereas Beethoven, whose manuscript notebooks show a long-drawn-out process of correction and rewriting, would probably not have scored so well. Yet nobody but a fool would claim that Mozart was more "intelligent" than Beethoven, since there is nothing to choose between the creative ability, and above all the creative judgment, of the two composers.

I also agree with your leader that the testing should not be "dismissed as readily as it has been", but would add a rider: the tests assess *facility* rather than comprehensive intelligence. So, FQ not IQ, please.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD GARDEN,
91 Millhouses Lane,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
November 1.

From Dr D. A. N. Hoyte

Sir, When I joined the RAMC for National Service, in 1947, what amounted to an IQ test at their training centre revealed that I was not educable beyond the age of 16. As a dark West Indian who had already qualified in medicine with honours from Manchester University, I found that amusing.

I am the son of a dark West Indian who graduated in medicine from Edinburgh in 1919, and the nephew of another dark medical graduate of Glasgow. My brother, another such, graduated from McGill in 1946 and went on to become a member and then a fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. I myself went on to collect a Gold Medal for my doctorate at Manchester university in 1959.

It is perhaps fortunate for my patients in the practice from which I have recently retired that I was not discouraged from continuing my career by my low IQ.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID A. N. HOYTE,
The Barn, 4 Village Farm Close,
West Leake, Loughborough,
Leicestershire.
October 29.

School expulsions

From Mrs Margaret Wiggs, JP

Sir, Your Education Correspondent reports (October 25) that "state schools are locked in a spiral of ill-discipline" and that teachers' leaders believe themselves to be beset by "a burgeoning 'yob culture'". Until this problem is dealt with, no amount of revising of the curriculum will improve standards in education.

Effective teaching and learning are not possible in classrooms containing aggressive and disruptive "yobs". And this is not only in secondary schools — we now have "yobs" as young as eight. We have to ask: "Why?" Labelling them as "yobs" does not help.

Some teachers accept the disruption as normal. Head teachers often pretend it is not happening: if admitted, this could affect the school's standing and its intake, and such a school may then become a sink for disrupters from miles around. When disrupters are suspended — often for offences which could have led to charges in the youth courts — they are allowed to return after a few days and no further action is taken. What other sanctions do schools have?

When offenders are expelled they are often transferred to another school. Rarely is any attempt made to deal with their problems or with the problems they cause. Your correspondent's report is a welcome acknowlegement of the actualities of life in many schools.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET WIGGS,
Fairfield House,
Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.

Bell-bottom lore

From Mr Anthony Payne

Sir, Nonsense, Mr Evans (report, November 4)! Every schoolboy knows (or knew) that bell-bottoms were designed not to permit Royal Navy sailors to remove them quickly if they fell overboard but to allow them to roll their trousers up to the knees when swabbing the decks.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY PAYNE,
Bernard Quaritch Ltd,
5-8 Lower John Street,
Golden Square, W1.
November 4.

Trade marks trap

From Mr William King

Sir, The new trade marks law (report and photograph, November 1; letter, November 4) introduces a change that affects the many UK businesses which have important brand names but have not registered them as trade marks.

The effect is that if a business rival obtains registration of a trade mark using a mark which a competitor has hitherto used, his rights to use it may prevail over the competitor's. That is a reversal of the present law. It does, though, put us on the same basis as many other countries.

However, where a trade mark duplicates that of a competitor but has been used in the past without being regarded as infringing it, use of that trade mark will continue to be valid. Under the new law, if a rival obtains registration of an unregistered business name or brand, however lawful its original use by the competitor, continuation of that use may become an infringement of the rival's rights.

There are two obvious conclusions. The first is that businesses should seek registration wherever possible, and the new law provides new opportunities and an easier basis for obtaining registration. Secondly, trade mark watching services should be employed to check whether adverse rights are being sought by third parties. Only in this way can businesses lodge the necessary oppositions and be confident that rivals will not steal a march.

Those businesses which do not take note of this change will be lucky if they learn of it from other companies' mistakes. They risk serious damage and interruption to their business if they learn of it the hard way.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM KING (Partner),
Macfarlanes (solicitors),
10 Norwich Street, EC4.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

BR regrets . . .

From Mr R. W. Bridge

Sir, In past years BR have blamed leaves on the line for train delays. I gather from recent announcements on the radio that the current term is "leaf mulch causing loss of traction."

Lest the Director of Delay Excuses is running out of reasons, may I offer this report from a June 1944 issue of the *Peking Chronicle*, an English-language propaganda paper published by the Japanese government:

An express train en route from Sofia to Warna had to interrupt its journey on Saturday because the line was blocked by a huge quantity of caterpillars.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. BRIDGE,
Chillies Oast, Chillies Lane,
Crowborough, East Sussex.
November 2.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 5: The Princess of Wales this evening attended the Wales Festival of Remembrance at St David's Hall, Cardiff, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, RNR).

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Ian Balding, racehorse trainer, 56; Mr John Barnes, footballer, 31; Air Marshal Sir John Donald, 67; the Rev Professor Christopher Evans, theologian, 85; Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, MP, 49; Dr Billy Graham, evangelist, 76; Mrs Lucinda Green, three-day eventer, 41; Lord Greenhill of Harrow, 81; Mr John Grieves, senior partner, Freshfields, 59; Admiral Sir Nicholas Hunt, 64; Mr Michael Jackaman, chairman, Allied Domecq, 59; Dame Gwyneth Jones, soprano, 58; Mr Wolf Mankowitz, author, 70; Mr Jonathan Palmer, racing driver, 38; Miss Su Pollard, actress, 45; Dr Ralegh Radford, archaeologist, 94; the Right Rev G.M. Sessford, former Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness, 66; Air Marshal Sir Ronald Stuart-Paul, 60; Dame Joan Sutherland, OM, soprano, 68; Mrs Helen Suzman, South African politician, 77; Viscount Tenby, 67; Sir Anthony Wheeler, former president, Royal Scottish Academy, 75; Baroness White, 85.



Sir John Egan, chief executive of BAA, is 55 today

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Stukeley, antiquary, Holbeach, Lincolnshire, 1687; Marie Curie, chemist, Nobel laureate 1903 and 1911, Warsaw, 1867; Lise Meitner, physicist, co-discoverer of nuclear fission, Vienna, 1878; Leon Trotsky, Russian revolutionary leader, Yanovka, 1879; Sir Chandrasekhara Raman, physicist, Nobel laureate 1930, Tiruchirappali, India, 1888; Albert Camus, novelist, Nobel laureate 1957, Mondovi, Algeria, 1913.

DEATHS: John Kyrle (the Man of Ross), philanthropist, Ross, Herefordshire, 1724; Jean Nattier, portrait painter, Paris, 1766; Jean André Deluc, geologist, Windsor, 1817; Alfred Wallace, naturalist and explorer, Broadstone, Dorset, 1913; Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, aviator, lost in flight after passing over Calcutta, 1935; Geoffrey Dawson, editor of *The Times* 1912-19, 1923-41, London, 1944; Richard Sorge, German-born spy, executed, Tokyo, 1944; John Carmel Heenan, cardinal, Archbishop of Westminster 1963-75, London, 1975; Gene Tunney, world heavyweight boxing champion 1926-28, 1978; Steve McQueen, film actor, Mexico, 1980; Hugh Maclennan, novelist, Montreal, 1990.

The last public hanging in Britain took place at Tyburn, 1783.

The coast-to-coast Canadian Pacific railway was completed, 1885.

The October revolution took place in Russia (known as such from the Old Style calendar date of October 25), 1917.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will hold a reception for Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenants at Buckingham Palace at 6.00.

Princess Margaret, the Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra will also attend.

Prince Edward, as President of the Lord's Taverners, will attend the President's ball at Grosvenor House at 7.15.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will launch General Accident Neighbourhood Watch Week in Scotland at the Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh, at 10.30; will attend the garden of remembrance ceremony and lay a wreath at the Field of Remembrance, Princes Street Gardens at 11.55; as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will open the occupational therapy department at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh at 12.15; and, as Master of the Woolmen's Company, will attend a court meeting and livery dinner at Saddlers' Hall at 5.30.

Princess Margaret will open the new Wansbeck Business Centre at Ashington, Northumberland, at 11.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the Cancer Research Campaign, will attend a reception at Hopetoun House, South Queensferry, West Lothian, at 3.25; and will open the annual art exhibition at the Adam Rooms, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, at 6.30 in aid of the campaign.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new headquarters of the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (RADAR) at 12 City Forum, 250 City Road, EC1, at 2.30.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, Berkshire, at 10.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will attend the preview of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Christmas market at the Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, at 6.30.

Memorial service

Professor David Lewis

A service of remembrance for Professor David Lewis was held yesterday in the Oxford Synagogue, Richmond Road. Mr Jesmond Blumenfeld, President of the Oxford Jewish Congregation, bid welcome and Professor Raymond Dwek was the reader. The Very Rev J.H. Drury, Dean of Christ Church, read the memorial prayer in English. Mr Ron May read the "Prayer for the University", in Aramaic and Mrs R.L. Deech, Principal of St Anne's College, read the prayer in English. Dr Jeffrey Lesser, Dr Alan Bowman and Mrs Miriam Kochan gave addresses.

Dinners

Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the West Midlands, Mr Robert Taylor, OBE, was among the guests at a dinner held on Friday night to mark the retirement of Mr John Warburton, Director General of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry after 35 years' service with the Chamber.

Oriel College Law Society

Judge Verney was the principal guest at a dinner of the Oriel College Law Society held on Friday night at the College. Mr Justice Wright presided. Among those present were the Provost of Oriel College, Mr Justice Ferris, His Hon Christopher Oddie and Mr Peter Nathan (Chairman of the Society).

Sir George Bean Memorial Lecture

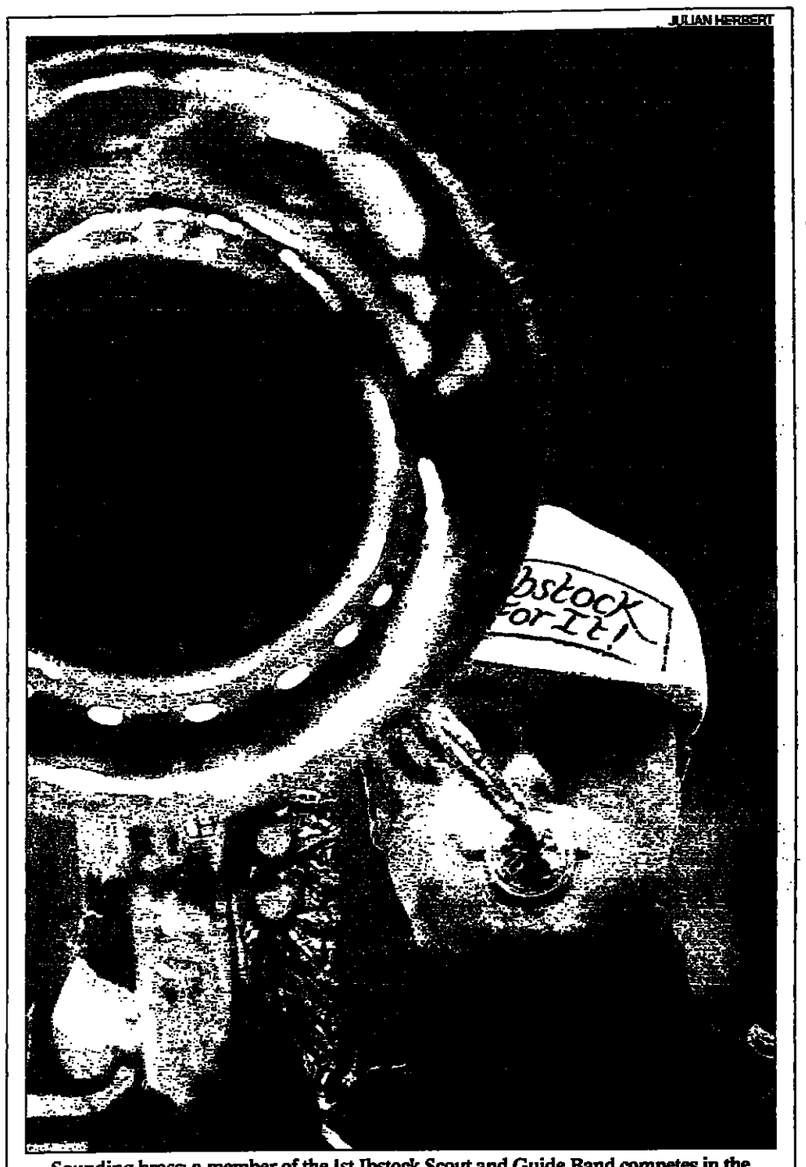
The Secretary of State for the Home Department delivered the annual Sir George Bean Memorial Lecture of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women yesterday at the Royal Aeronautical Society. Judge Martin Stephens, QC, was in the chair.

University news

Glasgow

Professor Keith Johnson has been appointed to the Chair of Genetics from April 1, 1995.

JULIAN HERBERT



Sounding brass: a member of the 1st Ibstock Scout and Guide Band competes in the British Youth Band Championships at Wembley Arena, London, yesterday

US researchers re-create Egyptian mummy

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A HUMAN mummy has been made using ancient Egyptian techniques for the first time in nearly two thousand years. Two American researchers have taken a body donated for medical research and tested the tools and compounds apparently used in pharaonic times.

Dr Robert Brier, an Egyptologist, and Dr Ronald Wade, an anatomist, carried out the experiment "to fill in details of the mummification process which were still uncertain", they report in the American journal *Archaeology*. "For instance, we knew that the brain was removed via the nostrils, but we weren't sure exactly how this was accomplished".

Herodotus, writing after a visit to Egypt, said that an iron hook was used: the American investigators used a bronze one successfully. They also removed the abdominal organs through a slit in the left side made with an obsidian blade: the mummy of Tutankhamun had just such a slit, although oddly placed.

The body cavity was then washed out with palm wine and with a solution of pounded spices, as Herodotus records, before being packed with natron and myrrh. Natron is a natural dehydrating agent composed of sodium chloride (common salt), sodium carbonate and bicarbonate; the spices and myrrh, noted in ancient Egyptian ritual manuals, helped to preserve the body and disguise the smell.

Natron was also heaped over the body to help to dry it from outside, and after just over a month the corpse was washed out again and wrapped in thin strips of linen smeared with resin. About 100 yards of linen and 600 pounds of natron were needed.

The investigators found that some archaeological ideas were wrong: a bronze tool identified as a "necrotome" or knife for cutting the corpse during mummification, was replicated, but proved inefficient. They believe that it was an ordinary razor and not an embalmer's tool.

Tissue from the modern mummy will be sampled from time to time to see how the natron preserves tissue structure, but so far the investigators are pleased with their results. Dr Briers said: "Our research does not change our basic understanding of mummification, but it does answer some basic questions."

Source: *Archaeology* Vol. 47 No 6:17.

British team finds lost channels of Nile

TWO lost channels of the Nile have been discovered by British archaeologists working in northern Sudan (Norman Hammond writes). The channels, long dry, were marked by the remains of prehistoric settlements strung along their former banks.

The discovery was made during a survey of the Dongola reach of the Nile, from the present course of the river east to the plateau which flanks its flood plain. Some of the settlements of the Kerma culture, dating to between 2500 and 1550 BC, were towns covering an area up to a kilometre long and half that in width; cemeteries sometimes had more than 100 tumuli, Derek Welsby told a British Museum seminar recently.

The sites, and the lost river channels that they marked, were located by using global positioning systems (GPS) tied to American Defence Department satellites.

Even with the deliberate degree of inaccuracy built into the system for security purposes, GPS can locate any point on the Earth's surface to within less than 100 metres, and is increasingly being used by archaeologists.

The archaeological discovery of the buried river channels is also proving useful to geomorphologists studying the evolution of the Nile, and to students of modern Egypt. As pumps draw water from below ground level for human use, the settlement pattern is returning to its prehistoric distribution: the south end of the Kerma basin is a highly fertile area where unirrigated agriculture can be carried out.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.E. Axon and Miss L.C. Gregory

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Dr and Mrs A.T.R. Axon, of Rawdon, West Yorkshire, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.B. Gregory, of Leathley, North Yorkshire.

Mr R.J. Bentley and Miss S.G. St John Parker

The engagement is announced between Rupert James, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bentley, of London, and Sophia Georgina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael St John Parker, of Oxfordshire.

Mr N. Biggs and Miss S.E. Keogh

The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Clive Biggs, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Sarah Emily, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Keogh, of Cholsey, Oxfordshire.

Mr C.B. Godfrey-Faussett and Lady Diana Bowes Lyon

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Godfrey-Faussett, of Badlesmere, Kent, and Diana, younger daughter of Fergus, the late Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, and of Mary, Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne, of Glamis, Angus.

Mr A.J.J. Elliot and Miss S.V.St B. Holland

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of the late Mr A.J. Elliott and of Mrs N.M. Elliott, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Vanessa, daughter of the Rev W.M.T. and Mrs Holland, of Iffley, Oxford.

Mr R. St C. Kellaway and Miss J.C. Grayson

The engagement is announced between Bruce, elder son of Mr and Mrs St Clair Kellaway, of Kenley, Surrey, and Jamie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Grayson, of Oxted, Surrey.

Mr C.A.C. Ross and Miss J.A. Davis

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Commander Iain Ross, of Carterton, New Zealand, and Mrs Michael Sizeland, of Chichester, West Sussex, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Davis, of Smarden, Kent.

Marriage

Mr T.C. Briscoe and Dr L.P Mabb

The marriage took place in Norwich on Wednesday, November 2, of Mr Timothy Briscoe, elder son of Dr and Mrs C.E. Briscoe, to Dr Lynette Mabb, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alberic Mabb.

Castle resounds to world's best pipers

BY ANGUS NICOL, PIPING CORRESPONDENT

THERE is usually a slight atmosphere of suspense at Scotland's Hotel in Pitlochry on the last Friday in October, the eve of the Glenfiddich Piping Championship. It is not until after dinner that the judges tell the ten invited pipers what tunes they are to play. This year's event was the 21st championship since it was founded by William Grant & Son Ltd in 1974.

It is an honour to be invited to compete in the Glenfiddich, and those asked are chosen on the merit of their performances in the previous year. Among them are the winners of all the major events. By that yardstick, the judges have to decide between ten of the best pipers in the world. The championship is held at Blair Castle in Tayside, seat of the Dukes of Atholl. It is in two parts: first the piobaireachd, and then the march, strathspey and reel. There are prizes also for the overall winners.

The first prize for piobaireachd, and the Highland Society of London's Trophy, was won by Angus MacColl, with an excellent performance of "The Bells of Perth", a tune intended to imitate the eight bells of the Church of St John the Baptist in St John's Town of Perth. It is not every piper who hits upon the proper tempo for this tune. In second place, William MacCallum played "Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy".

This is a very lyrical tune of unknown origin, which was a favourite, and often played by Lachlan MacNeill Campbell, and thus got its name.

Dr Angus MacDonald gave a good performance of "The Lament for the Viscount of Dundee" and came third.

Other winners: the ceol beag and the Macbeth Glass Trophy went to Pipe-Major Alasdair Gillies, QOH, who played "Mrs John MacColl", "The Piper's Bonnet" and "John Morrison of Assynt House". The winner of the 21st Glenfiddich Trophy was William MacCallum, the first to win it two years running, and his third overall win. Second overall was Corporal Gordon Walker.

The Balvenie Medal, for outstanding services to piping, was presented this year to Allan Cameron, of the Atholl Highlanders, who for many years has taught young pipers and worked with local pipe bands.

Nature notes

JAYS and magpies are carrying off acorns, and hiding them in holes in the ground or cracks in trees for future consumption. Pheasants are also turning over the dead leaves looking for acorns: the long tails and gleaming copper-coloured feathers of the males are particularly resplendent after the autumn moult. Grey partridges are feeding in coveys consisting of several families that have joined up: they often roost in the grass in a circle, with their heads facing outwards.

There has been an influx of Pallas's warblers in the last few days, especially in Scotland. They are tiny green warblers, no bigger than a goldcrest, with striped heads and yellow rumps, and they hover to pick up food in the conifers. They are wanderers from eastern Siberia, and normally winter in China or India.



The jay

Most of the leaves still on the trees are yellow, but there are wine-red splashes on some wild cherries and mountain ashes. Under sweet chestnut trees, the fruit and the prickly shells are buried beneath the large, fish-shaped leaves. On spindle trees there are pink, four-lobed berries which open to reveal orange seeds inside. Crab apples are turning scarlet and juicy.

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Appointments in the Forces

The Army

J D Fielden - To be DA Bangkok, 7.11.94

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: R D Abbott R Signals - to SHAPE Staff (BAE), 8.11.94; JJ Cargill SG - to HQ Landcent, 11.11.94; P R Cobley PARA - to be CO 4 KORBR, 7.11.94; D A Johnson REME - to be Col Reme Wg RSA, 11.11.94; A Lane AGC (SPS) - to DSPSA, 7.11.94; D N McGregor-Smith A and SH - to HQ AFCENT (Staff), 7.11.94; S C Mclean AGC (PRO) - to be Comdt RMP Trg Cen, 7.11.94; A R M Smith RLC - to Exch Appt USA, 11.11.94.

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN - J A Collier - to HQ PTC 31.10.94; D A Ingham - to HQ PTC 31.10.94; J D Lunt - to HQ PTC 3.11.94

WING COMMANDER: M J Fowle - to HQ STC 31.10.94; R E Wholey - to Staff College Bracknell 10.10.94; M V Godfrey - to HQ Air Northwest 17.10.94; A J Dear - to Nato Staff Northwood 10.10.94; R R Winter - to DUK Joint Warfare 3.10.94; R Utley - to 33 Sqn Odiham 10.10.94; N M Huckins - to HQ 18GP 10.10.94; C N Harper - to 41 Sqn Coltishall 17.10.94.

Prize blooms flower in North

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

CHRYSANTHEMUM enthusiasts from the North of England and the Midlands have proved they can grow their chosen flowers to perfection, taking many of the important trophies at the National Chrysanthemum Society's Show, held over the weekend in Westminster.

Howard Minns, of Aintree, Liverpool, won the Bentley Trophy for the best exhibit: 18 large exhibition blooms which included the popular Bronze Cultivar "Gigantic" and its amber, silver and golden sports. This exhibit has also made him national champion for large exhibition chrysanthemums and won him the centenary trophy. Mr Minns also came first in the class for 12 large exhibition blooms and was awarded a Holmes memorial trophy Challenge Cup.

W. Croft, of Bassingham, Lincolnshire, has retained his title of national champion for late reflexed and intermediate chrysanthemums and was awarded the George Prickett Challenge Trophy.

The vase of pink "William Florantine" in this exhibit was judged best vase of blooms and won Mr Croft the Bikini Championship Vase of the Year, as well as the Stanley Gosling Memorial Perpetual Trophy.

Other major trophy winners were:

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Ian E. Moss of Raighill, Merseyside, the medium exhibition perpetual trophy and he has retained the title national champion for medium exhibition chrysanthemums.

Terry Porter, of Weston-super-Mare, Avon, the Holmes memorial challenge cup and acknowledged the national champion for late incurved chrysanthemums.

C.A. Wiles of Stalbridge, Dorset, the George Monro Challenge Cup and acknowledged the national champion for late flowering large single chrysanthemums.

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BIRTHS

ALEXANDER - On October 31st, to Ruth and David, a daughter, Phoebe Isobel.

ATKINS - On October 30th, to Emma (nee Lock) and Simon, a daughter, Sophie, a sister for Rosie.

COLLINS - On October 24th, to Emma (nee Holmes-Stedle) and David, a son, Samuel Andrew Stedle, a brother for James and Billy.

McARDLE - On 30th October, to Joy (nee Karsondas) and Stephen, a son, Samuel Connor.

McGAHAN - On November 1st 1994, at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, Singapore, to Catherine (nee Iafrate) and Paul, a son, Elliot Joseph Peter, a brother for Luke.

ROSS SKINNER - On 4th November, at the Portland Hospital, London, to Kristine (nee Cad) and Paul, a son, Gustav Alexander.

WATKINSON - On October 28th, to Melanie (nee Osborne) and Anthony, a daughter, Bethany Rose.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL - Rodney Colin, on October 28th 1994, late of Muswell Hill, whilst happily on holiday from America. Beloved husband of Joddth, proud father of Duncan, Hallie and Colin, adoring grandfather of Hallie-Nell. Fond memories.

DEATHS

CHRISTIE - On Friday November 4th 1994, peacefully at her home in Barley, Royston, Herts, Patricia Maeve Lascelles Christie Ph.D. F.S.A., aged 69 years. Beloved wife of Duncan and mother of Michael. Funeral Service private. Memorial Service later. Donations gratefully accepted for the Cardiac Unit, Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge c/o S. Newling & Son Funeral Directors, 122 Mill Road, Royston, Herts.

CORKHILL - David, on 2nd November 1994, aged 49, suddenly at work. Most dearly loved husband of Angela and father of Elizabeth, Robin and Andrew. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service, at Knowle Parish Church, Warwick Road, Knowle Nr Solihull, on Friday 11th November at 2.pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to The David Corkhill Memorial Fund, Midland Bank, Dorridge, (40-19-34), in aid of Mountain Rescue Services and Cardiac Care. Deuteronomy 33.12 "The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him."

DEATHS

GRIFFIN - On November 3rd, peacefully at home, Major Christopher John, late The BUFFS. Dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Caroline, Loutre and Miles. Funeral Service and interment at Oxborough Church, Norfolk, on Friday November 11th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to W.C. Littleproud & Son Funeral Directors. tel: 07601 440269.

LANE - Bravely and peacefully on 2nd November at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, Michael, only son of the late Commander H.F. Lane and the late Mrs E.C.T. Lane. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Yelverton, Devon, on Monday 14th November at 12.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers, or donations to World Wildlife Fund or Royal Naval Benevolent Fund, may be sent to: Morris Bros., 1 Drake Road, Tavistock PL19 0AU.

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OBITUARIES

GROUP CAPTAIN GEORGE POWELL-SHEDDEN

Group Captain George Powell-Shedden, DSO, DFC, fighter ace in the Second World War, died on October 31 aged 78. He was born on April 1, 1916.

A LOOSE shoe and a healthy disregard for regulations saved George Powell-Shedden's life in the Second World War. It happened on September 15, 1940, when the young flight lieutenant, already a veteran at the age of 24, led his flight of Hurricanes from 242 Squadron at Coltishall, as they chased a force of marauding German bombers.

He had personally destroyed one Dornier and shared in another "kill" when his own plane, codenamed P2884, was badly holed. As he baled out his foot caught in the cockpit's canopy and he dangled helplessly in mid-air as the Hurricane rapidly lost height.

At 1,500 feet, however, his shoe — stubbornly worn by Powell-Shedden in preference to the regulation issue flying boot — came off. Although one shoulder had been dislocated, he managed to tug at the rip-cord of his parachute and narrowly missed a large network of high tension cables, to land in his socks in a field near Rye in Sussex. He always said that had he respected regulations he would not have lived to tell the tale. As it was he survived to be awarded the DFC.

In the following year he was moved to the Mediterranean where he commanded a new night fighter squadron during the siege of Malta — a period he always described as the most hair-raising he experienced during the war.

Back in this country in 1944 he commanded 29 Squadron at West Malling, piloting a Mosquito on Intruder missions against Luftwaffe night fighter aircraft over France in the months after D-Day.

Awarded the DSO in 1945 after being accredited with a total "bag" of five and one fifth German aircraft, Powell-Shedden was familiar to millions during the war. His photograph was used by the Air Ministry as part of a recruiting campaign.



Yet, by joining the new light blue service on leaving school, he was looked on by his family as a renegade. He had been born George ffolliott Powell on the Isle of Wight, the son of a Colonel Richmond Powell, Royal Artillery, and the latest addition to a family which had served for generations in the Army.

He was sent to Wellington College, then still a hothouse for producing army officers, but switched to the RAF on leaving school and won himself a coveted place at Cranwell. A big, strong young man, he played rugby for the college and became its heavyweight boxing champion — losing all his front teeth in the process.

He changed his name to Powell-Shedden at about the time he left Cranwell, aged 21. Shedden had been his mother's maiden name and he had to incorporate it into his own in order to inherit the Hardmead family estate near Newport Pagnell.

He served in the Middle East before the war and resumed a peacetime RAF career after 1945, taking time off in 1948 to compete in the British bobsleigh team in the Winter Olympics that year.

Promoted group captain in 1954, Powell-Shedden commanded the RAF station at Jever, West Germany, and for a while RAF Gütersloh. He then served on the staff at Nato's southern flank headquarters in Naples.

But in 1961, with the ending of National Service and a painful contraction of the RAF's manned squadrons after Duncan Sandys's 1957 Defence White Paper, Powell-Shedden took early retirement — the so-called "Golden Bowler" for departing servicemen.

Some think he would have risen higher in the service had it not been for a severe lifelong stammer. Although, fortunately, it seemed to leave him while he was flying, it must have made communication difficult for him in the higher levels of command and staff work.

It did not impede him, however, in civilian life. Always fascinated by the financial markets, he switched to stockbroking on leaving the RAF and worked for the next 20 years in the City of London.

He was also by now Lord of the Manor of Hardmead, having succeeded his uncle, the Rt Rev Roscow Shedden, Bishop of Nassau, to the family estate.

Powell-Shedden retired from the City in his mid-sixties but continued to work at home for five more years until forced to give up completely through failing health. A genial outgoing man who loved country sports, he suffered particularly from increasing deafness — attributed to his service in the war. He died after a stroke.

George Powell-Shedden's marriage to his first wife, Diana, was dissolved. He is survived by his second wife, Marietta, and by a son and a daughter from his first marriage.

ERWIN KNOLL

Erwin Knoll, long-serving editor of *The Progressive* magazine in the United States, died from a heart attack on November 2 in Madison, Wisconsin, aged 63. He was born in Vienna, Austria, on July 17, 1931.



AN UNSUNG hero of American journalism, Erwin Knoll had kept the flame of La Follette radicalism alight in monthly publishing for more than two decades. Joining *The Progressive* in 1968, he became its editor in 1973. Six years later he was to lead what he used to like to call the "ecumenical journal of the American Left" into a famous collision with the Carter Administration.

The Justice Department in 1979 applied for, and got, an injunction banning *The Progressive* from publishing an article — already set up in type — entitled "The H-Bomb Secret. How We Got It, Why We're Telling It". It was claimed to pose a direct threat to national security but Knoll was able to show that all the information in it was compiled from publicly available sources. After a local newspaper in Wisconsin had printed some of the same material, the Justice Department dropped its case — the first ever brought against the press under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. Knoll was then able to go ahead and publish the piece in exactly the form in which it had originally been written.

The entire episode certainly did the sales of *The Progressive* no harm. A quietly reflective, almost academic monthly, it has always been published out of the university town of Madison, Wisconsin. It was there that Knoll, who had previously worked for five years as the paper's Washington correspondent, had to go and live on assuming the editor's chair in 1973. The political atmosphere, though, probably suited him: Wisconsin, despite producing the notorious Senator Joe McCarthy, has traditionally been a politically adventurous state and Knoll soon found himself very much at home in its own brand of Democratic politics.

But he always maintained his connections with Washington — appearing as a regular guest on the *MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour* on PBS television and keeping his freelance journalistic hand in with occasional articles in other publications. A fearless opponent of war — he was a prominent critic of both the Gulf War and of the United States' more recent occupation of Haiti — he delighted in the description once pinned upon him of being "a pugnacious pacifist" (he had, however, served with the US Army between 1953 and 1955).

Coming to America from Austria as a nine-year-old child, Knoll was educated and brought up in New York, being naturalised in 1946. He attended New York University and later did graduate work in political science at George Washington University. Before joining *The Progressive*, he had worked both for the *Washington Post* and for the Newhouse National News Service. A forceful writer, he was also a fluent speaker — much in demand on student campuses. He was the author of a number of books, including *Scandal in the Pentagon* (1969) and *War Crimes and the American Conscience* (1970). At the time of his death he was at work on a definitive study of capital punishment — of which he was always a passionate opponent.

He is survived by his wife Doris and their two sons.

RICHARD HEWITT

Richard Hewitt, OBE, executive director of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1952-82, died on October 1 aged 77. He was born on January 19, 1917.

AFTER a distinguished wartime military career, during which he served as a Special Operations Executive agent with the Italian partisans behind enemy lines, Dick Hewitt took up an administrative post at Cambridge University, moving later to be secretary of the Oxford University Medical School. The knowledge of the field of medicine gained in these two posts made him an ideal candidate for the post of secretary (later executive director) of the Royal Society of Medicine, to which he was appointed in 1952 and where he remained until his retirement in 1982.

Richard Thornton Hewitt was born in Bramhall, Cheshire, the son of Harold and Elsie Hewitt, and was educated at King's School, Macclesfield, and at Magdalen College, Oxford. On the outbreak of war in 1939 he joined the Cheshire Regiment from which, after being commissioned, he became a member of the Special Operations Executive. His military career lasted seven years. He later held an appointment in the political intelligence department of the Foreign Office, ending the war as a lieutenant-colonel with an OBE (Military Division).

Hewitt arrived at the Royal Society of Medicine in 1952 with excellent credentials — an Oxford BA, a Cambridge MA and a letter of reference from C. S. Lewis who described him as "the straightforwardest and most conscientious man I had ever known".

The society was, at the time, undergoing major building works necessitated by expansion of its academic activities. This expansion continued under Hewitt's leadership and over 25 years the number of fellows doubled. He was a very far-sighted administrator who was always prepared to follow through on long-term projects. He saw that there would be a need for further physical expansion and he was instrumental in obtaining a commitment from the Post Office (recorded in a Cabinet minute) of an offer of first refusal on the Western District Post Office next door to the Royal Society of Medicine. Circumstances beyond his control meant that the rebuilding project was not completed until 1986.

He was a man of considerable entrepreneurial skill, which was amply demonstrated in the arrangements he made to fund the building project. He was always ready to take risks and to face any flak which arose from his actions; and he was almost always proved right — even when, with almost indecent haste, he purchased for the society a substantial Adam house as an investment which would partly fund later activity.

He appreciated the importance of close links between the medical profession from both sides of the Atlantic and took major initiatives in setting up the Royal Society of Medicine Foundation in New York and a series of Anglo-American conferences with the University of North Carolina. He initiated the expansion of the society's publishing activities and saw his work bear fruit with the creation of a successful publishing company, RSM Press.

Dick Hewitt was a cultured man of great charm and wit. He would not have wished to be described as a "bon viveur" but he was an excellent companion at the dinner table and he greatly enjoyed the many City and college events he attended. In younger years he was a keen sportsman who might, at one point, have made a career in cricket. His enthusiasm remained with him though "increasingly as a spectator". He was a member of the MCC and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. He was unmarried.

GIOCONDA DE VITO

Gioconda de Vito, British violinist of Italian birth, died in Rome on October 24 aged 87. She was born at Martina Franca, Apulia, on June 22, 1907.



IN THE early postwar years there was no more sought-after violinist in Britain than Gioconda de Vito. After her London debut on April 19, 1948, playing her favourite work, the Brahms concerto, with the London Philharmonic under her compatriot Victor de Sabata (she was then still Italian), *The Times* music critic wrote: "The intensity of imagination, coupled with the strong, clear tone and faultless technique . . . proved her to be a violinist of the front rank."

When she returned to London later that year to perform the Mozart G major Concerto, *The Times* was again enthusiastic, writing of her "liquid tone, subtlety and flexibility of phrasing, acute perception and complete technical control". In 1949 she married David Bicknell, then head of the HMV division of EMI Records, so naturally she began recording for that company. Those recordings have become collectors' pieces. She settled in this country, eventually taking British citizenship.

For the next ten or so years she was in the forefront of the international scene, enjoying a blooming career and appearing at most of the major festivals. But in 1961, when only 54, she decided to retire, making her final appearance at Basle in November that year.

Gioconda de Vito was born into a cultured and musical family. Her first instrument was the mandolin, but at eight she began to teach herself the violin. She had her first lessons with a maternal uncle, who was a professional violinist. At the age of 11 she entered the Pesaro Conservatory, studying with Remy Principe and Attilio Crepax.

She took her diploma in 1921, when she gave her first recital. Then she went to Rome for further study, lasting a year. She made her debut as a concerto player in the Italian capital in 1923, with the Tchaikovsky concerto.

In 1932 she won the International Violin Competition in Vienna, which led to her appointment as principal professor of the violin at the Accademia di Santa Cecilia in Rome. Mussolini so admired her playing that he wanted to present her with a Stradivarius. Her mother, a moral creature, told her she could not accept something so valuable from a man, but she did come to possess several notable instruments including a Stradivarius loaned to her by the Italian government in 1953. In Italy, in 1945, Pizzetti dedicated a concerto to her and in 1953 she played a Brahms sonata, with Furtwängler at the piano, at the Vatican before Pope Pius XII, himself an amateur violinist.

She abhorred modern concertos, limiting herself — the Pizzetti concerto apart — almost entirely to the familiar repertoire, which she interpreted with unfailing mastery. In her playing she held an ideal balance between outward serenity and inner passion, as is confirmed by the recent re-issue of the Brahms sonatas on CD. But she also enjoyed tackling the Caprices of Paganini, to which she brought an effervescent lightness of touch.

She lived happily in retirement with her husband, until he died in 1988. Afterwards she continued to live mainly in Hertfordshire while making the occasional visit to Italy to see family and old friends. There were no children.

SIR JAMES TAYLOR

Sir James Taylor, MBE, scientist and mathematician, died on October 4 aged 92. He was born on August 16, 1902.



A LEADING authority on explosives, mining techniques, metallurgical developments and the nuclear industries, James Taylor oversaw a remarkable range of scientific developments in a working life which lasted from 1928 to 1986. He made substantial contributions in a number of spheres, from explosive and rocket projectiles to improved metals for industry, nuclear research, electric propulsion and the chemical industry. In all of this he urged the importance of close co-operation between science and the arts.

Born in Sunderland and left an orphan at an early age, James Taylor made full use of a cosmopolitan education. He went successively to Bede College, Sunderland; Rutherford College, Newcastle upon Tyne; Durham University; Cambridge; the Sorbonne; and Utrecht University in The Netherlands.

After a first-class degree in physics from Cambridge in 1923 followed by a PhD in 1925, he gained a doctorate in physics and maths (cum laude) at Utrecht in 1927 and a DSC at Dunelm in 1931.

At the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge, under J. J. Thomson and Lord Rutherford, and at the Sorbonne, Taylor acquired a taste for research. This he carried forward, with that sobre enthusiasm which characterised his life when, in 1928, he joined the Nobel Division of ICI in Aberdeen.

During the next ten years he became a leading authority on explosives. When war came in 1939 he joined the RNVR and was posted to the Admiralty under Sir Charles Dennistoun Burney, to work on the further development of rockets and other types of projectiles and airborne torpedoes for the navy.

When the war ended Taylor returned to the Nobel Division in 1946 as research director. He went on to become its joint managing director in 1951 and to join ICI's main board from 1952 to 1964. There, between 1958 and 1964, he led the decentralisation of ICI's metal interests with the formation of three separate, but co-ordinated, subsidiary companies, of each of which he was chairman: the Imperial Aluminium Company, Yorkshire Imperial Metals and the Imperial Metal Industry Company.

From 1961 to 1964 he was also on the board of Nuclear Developments, and from 1959 to 1972 his expertise in explosives brought him onto the Royal Ordnance Factories Board, of which he was deputy chairman from 1959.

In 1965 he relinquished his close involvement in executive management to become a member of the Ministry of Defence advisory committee on scientific research and development — his old love — and in the following year he joined the Advisory Council on Calibration and Measurement.

In a somewhat different field, he became chairman of Chloride Silent Power from 1974, with a remit to press forward the development of a new form of battery for electric cars and vans.

Meanwhile, in 1962 he had joined the Royal Society of Arts after delivering a series of three Cantor Lectures on "The Modern Chemical Industry in Great Britain". Elected a member of the RSA Council in 1964 — and its chairman from 1969 to 1971 — he contributed six major lectures to the society's deliberations in those years.

They expressed his convictions and his experience gained in more than 40 years in industry and commerce, together with his abiding interest in the arts. Their titles ranged through "Arts, Crafts and Technology" and "Cobalt, Madder and Computers" to "The Seventies and the Society". "The American Dream and the RSA", "New Horizons in Research and Development" and "The Scientific Societies". He was appointed MBE in 1945, and was knighted in 1966.

Taylor retained an agile mind and broad interests into his late eighties. Indeed for five years, up to the age of 84, he took on a directorship of the Surrey Independent Hospital near his home at Seale, near Farnham, in Surrey. A skilled and ardent rock-climber in his earlier years, he found a new absorption in the arts of cooking and gardening in his later years.

James Taylor married Margaret Lennox Stewart in Scotland in 1929. They had two sons and a daughter, and celebrated their diamond wedding in 1989, shortly before Lady Taylor's death in 1990.

Appointments in the Church

The Rev Elizabeth Hadley, Minister-in-charge, Myddle w Broughton: to be Priest-in-charge, Myddle w Broughton (Lichfield).

The Rev Susan Hope, Deacon-in-charge, St Thomas and St Margaret, Brightside w Wincobank: to be Vicar, St Thomas and St Margaret, Brightside w Wincobank (Sheffield).

The Rev Canon Peter Lister, Director of Education, diocese Newcastle, and an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral: to be Director of Education, diocese Lichfield.

The Rev Canon Charmion Mann, Chaplain, Bristol Children's, General and St Michael's Hospitals: to be Priest-in-charge (part-time), Lacock w Bowden Hill (Bristol).

The Rev Alastair MacDonald, Vicar, Brighton, St Matthias (Chichester): to be Anglican Community Mental Health Chaplain (half-time) for Southampton Community Health Services, NHS Trust (Winchester).

The Rev Roger Minson, Vicar, St Martin, Knowle: to be Vicar, St Mary, Fishponds (Bristol).

The Rev Joyce Mitson, Team Vicar, Bilston Team Ministry, w resp for St Mary, Bilston: to be Resident Minister, West Bromwich St Paul (Lichfield)

The Rev Nigel Morrell, Vicar, Farley Hill: to be Vicar, Cardington (St Albans).

The Rev Tony Neal, Vicar, St Erth and Priest-in-charge, Phillack w Gwithian and Gwinear and Hayle St Elwyn (Truro): to be also an Honorary Canon of Truro Cathedral.

The Rev Elizabeth Pickett: Chaplain, Southampton University: to be Curate, North Stoneham (Winchester).

The Rev Michael Price, Rector, The Good Shepherd, Manchester (Manchester): to be Vicar, St Andrew's, Netherton (Worcester).

The Rev Robert Sanday, Curate, Christ Church, Swindon: to be Rector, Lyddington w Wanborough and Bishopstone w Hinton Parva (Bristol).

The Rev George Sarmezey, Curate, St Anne w St Mark and St Thomas, Eastville: to be Assistant Curate, Stratton St Margaret Team Ministry (Bristol).

The Rev Barbara Smith, Honorary Curate, Wrecclesham (Guildford): to be Honorary Curate, Herriard w Winslade and Long Sutton and South Warnborough and Tunworth and Upton Grey and Weston Patrick (Winchester).

The Rev Andrew Stevens, Team Vicar, The Church of the Resurrection, Brighton (Chichester): to be Vicar, St Nicholas, Plumstead (Southwark).

The Rev Robert Strange, Vicar, Newlyn (Truro): to be also a Prebend of Truro Cathedral.

The Rev Charles Trefusis, Curate, St John the Evangelist, Blackheath: to be Vicar, Christ Church, Purley (Southwark).

The Rev Pamela Wise, Assistant Curate, All Hallows, Greenford (London): to be Assistant Curate, All Saints, Bedford (St Albans).

Resignation

The Rev Kevin Hooper, Vicar, Eyres Monsell St Hugh, Leicester (Leicester): to resign as from November 30.

PASSCHENDAELE

STORY OF THE VICTORY

(From Our Special Correspondent)
WAR CORRESPONDENTS' HEADQUARTERS, Nov 6.

It seems probable that, as I write, Passchendaele is in our hands. If so, its capture is the culmination and final triumph of the long series of hard hammer-drives, of which this morning's was the eighth, by which we have forced our way along the ridge since the recommencement of operations here on September 20. The honour of delivering this last blow was given to the Canadians, and no troops could have done it better.

In a recent dispatch I spoke at length of the splendid work done by our gunners throughout these operations, and nothing could have been more impressive and significant than the sight of those slopes this morning aglitter as with a thousand fireflies. By what indomitable energy and pluck those scores of batteries have been dragged through all the hideous swamp and fed with ammunition within so short a space of time I do not pretend to know. But there they are, and behind their curtain of fire it was that our men were able to go on and enter the village.

ON THIS DAY

November 7 1917

Passchendaele, the third battle of Ypres, was launched on July 31 with an artillery barrage which wrecked the Flanders drainage system; this, coupled with incessant rain turned the terrain into an horrendous quagmire. British losses in the "victory" were nearly 250,000.

By half-past 8 the sun was hidden, and, after a few chill squalls of wind, the rain came, not thickly, but in a grey dizzle, which slowly shut out all the view. Before it finally thickened, however, I saw go up the signal-rocket which, as I hoped at the time and as I have since learned, gave tidings that the Canadians had reached their last objective.

Much of the rest of the day has been spent by me in getting home, for the covering of even a few miles of this shell-hole morass, with intervals of threading duckboards and sloshing along the mud-swilled roads, is a matter of some hours, and all my later news is hearsay, gathered, much of it, from wounded men with whom I talked on my way back. The wounded, let it be said, are not numerous. One gets in a measure expert at estimating casualties from the numbers of wounded seen on the morning of the battle, and today I know the casualties are light. In any case, it was what, measured by the number of men employed and the size of the front attacked, would be called a small operation. What makes it great was the fact that, if the reports of complete success are correct, it was the crowning blow and final "punch" in the fight which has raged here for half the summer.

I have talked to many wounded, and all tell the same story of preliminary enemy shelling during the night, but of the successful getting away by the men in the front line. The going on this high ground, though the earth was torn everywhere by shells, was much less bad than down below in the flooded valleys of the Paddebeek and other streams, so our men went quickly, keeping well behind the barrage. There was heavy machine-gun fire from the start from the village, from scattered posts, and especially from long ranges. No man could I find who had had an opportunity to close with an individual German, nor had I heard of any Germans standing to fight at close quarters.

NEWS

Hurd aide resigns over climbdown

■ A senior Conservative MP is resigning from his post as chief parliamentary aide to Douglas Hurd to give himself freedom to speak out on issues such as privatisation of the Post Office.

The resignation of David Martin, MP for Portsmouth South, as parliamentary private secretary to the Foreign Secretary shows the depth of anger among Tory loyalists over the dropping of the Royal Mail sale and what has been regarded as a lack of Cabinet support for Michael Heseltine.....Pages 1, 2

Victorious army plans next move

■ In their headquarters, beneath lights made dim by an erratic electricity supply, the victorious commanders of the Bosnian 7th Corps pored over their maps and debated their next move. Kupres has fallen to the Bosnian-Croat alliance and other targets are in their sights..... Pages 1, 10

Opt-out attack

The European Commission's social policy commissioner will exacerbate Britain's fears over the social chapter today by saying that the Commission wants to end the opt-out..... Page 1

Reagan sympathy

Former President Ronald Reagan was inundated with messages of sympathy and support after revealing that he is suffering from Alzheimer's Disease..... Page 1

Ministers' dispute

Attempts by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to shave some £4 billion off public spending are being overshadowed by a dispute with Peter Lilley..... Page 2

Bitter Princess

A bitter, jealous and lonely Princess of Wales, obsessed with astrology, colonic irrigation and other therapies, is presented by Andrew Morton in his second book, extracts from which were in *The Sunday Times*..... Page 3

Bishop's campaign

The new Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, called for a wider exploration in the Church of issues surrounding homosexuality..... Page 5

Lords reform

Life peerages are as difficult to justify as hereditary ones, with patronage becoming a strong political tool. *Agenda* looks at House of Lords reform..... Page 6

Lingering memory

As the number of surviving World War veterans dwindles, *The Times* continues to look at next Sunday's Remembrance ceremonies..... Page 7

Slimming warning

The Government is being urged to introduce laws to control slimming clinics, some of which are prescribing drugs that can have serious side effects..... Page 8

Party is over

Five years ago on Wednesday the world watched in rapture as the Communist dam burst and tens of thousands of East Berliners poured into the West. Today the party is over..... Page 10

Nuclear fears

As new fears were raised about the safety of Russian nuclear power, a former senior KGB officer revealed that the secret police had once spied on the industry..... Page 11

Republican hope

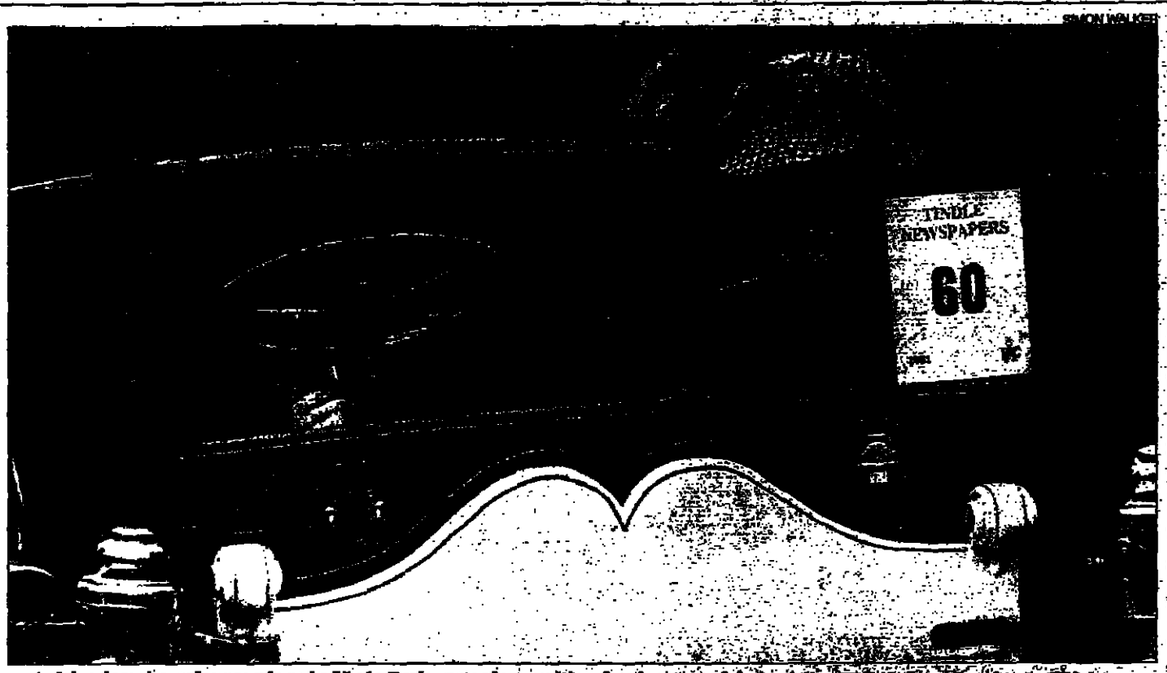
Political experts are forecasting that the Republicans would narrowly seize control of the US Senate tomorrow for the first time since 1986 and had an outside chance of capturing the House of Representatives..... Page 12

Angolan defiance

The Angolan government defied international appeals and continued ground and air attacks into rebel-held territory..... Page 13

Striking a blow for the oldies

■ Some people just can't act their age. A 45-year old and father of nine has become the oldest world champion in the history of professional boxing. George Foreman has not been at peace with himself since the rumble in the jungle 20 years ago when he succumbed to Muhammad Ali. On Saturday he knocked out Michael Moorer, a youth of 26..... Page 1



A driverless, horseless carriage in Hyde Park yesterday, waiting for the start of the veteran car run from London to Brighton

Investment: Industry is complacent about productivity gains and needs to invest more, according to the National Manufacturing Council of the CBI..... Page 44

Growth: Manufacturing output is likely to grow at 4.3 per cent a year for over the next four years, the strongest sustained performance since the 1960s..... Page 44

Name change: Forte, Britain's biggest hotel group, has abandoned a plan to market some outlets as County Hotels after discovering that a smaller rival had used the name first..... Page 44

Computers: IBM will today announce a technical alliance with Apple Computers in an effort to challenge the dominance of Intel and Microsoft..... Page 41

Steamy memories: Magnus Linklater recalls the steam, the style and an enticing woman on the Inverness sleeper..... Page 17

Tradesmen: *Libby Purves* wants a parliament of carpenters, and dentists — MPs who can do something other than govern..... Page 17

Designer religion: Kate Muir in a city where fashion designers are treated like demi-gods..... Page 17

Fools gold: In an America desperate for illusion, the magician is king, says Ben Macintyre..... Page 16

Changing fortune: Twenty years ago girls from state schools were getting the top A-levels ... now they are the worst..... Page 37

No time for [illegible] ... opened the ... Gielgud Theatre. It was named Gielgud Theatre. It was no resemblance to Gielgud's [illegible] performance..... Page 16

Brilliant premiere: With *Hotel Sweeney*, the Irish playwright has an Friel proves what an extraordinary dramatist he is..... Page 15

Back where she belongs: Stephanie Cole trades her television fame for her first love — the stage — as she opens in *A Passionate Woman*..... Page 15

Skating on thin ice: The Russian All Stars have begun a seven-month tour of *Cinderella on Ice*, an ice-dancing production cramped into British theatres instead of an arena..... Page 15

Drivers: Damon Hill, of Brit[illegible] Japanese Grand Prix [illegible] with Michael Schu[illegible] of Germany, finishing second [illegible] now only one point [illegible] in the championship..... Page 25

Cricket: James Brayshaw and [illegible] Stubbs made centuries [illegible] Australia [illegible] an unlikely draw into their party 102 in the first innings..... Page 24

Football: A goal by Andrei Kanchelskis in the 51st minute gave Manchester United a 2-1 victory over Aston Villa that lifted the champions into third place in the Premiership table..... Page 27

Rugby union: The South Africans produced the most telling rugby of their tour when they put Swansea to the sword at St Helen's in a 78-7 victory..... Page 30

Rugby league: Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain coach, said he is 'not going to panic after the heavy defeat of his team by Australia at Old Trafford..... Page 31

Golf: Nick Faldo, of Britain, was disqualified from the Alfred Dunhill Masters on the final round in Bali when, six strokes clear of the field, victory was almost within his grasp..... Page 25

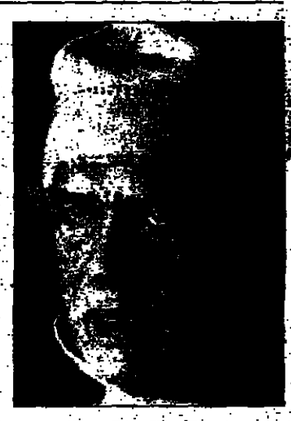
Tennis: Jeremy Bates confirmed his superiority in doubles tennis by winning the national title at Telford. Jo Ward took the women's title..... Page 35



IN THE TIMES

■ **SHAPING UP** Antony Gormley's figurative sculpture makes the Turner Prize shortlist

■ **TV REVIEW** Lynne Truss on true love and family sleaze in Martin Chuzzlewit



Paul Scofield stars in *Martin Chuzzlewit* (BBC2, 9pm)..... Page 43

The ground shifts

Mr Milosevic seems content to let Mr Karadzic swing for a while on the rope of his choosing ... Russia and the West should concentrate on confirming the Serbian leader in his belief that his interest lies in the role of conciliator..... Page 19

CBI at Birmingham

The agenda for this year's annual meeting of the Confederation of British Industry looks almost contemplative. That is partly because the CBI has the luxury of reflecting on industry's successes..... Page 19

Back to the fore

The result vindicated what Foreman said: "I'm fighting for every guy who ever got told to act your age"..... Page 19

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Winston Churchill used to spend weeks holidaying in the Mediterranean on Aristotle Onassis's yacht. Was that sleaze?..... Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

Ministers believe that tax cuts are a winner either way. If Labour promises to reverse them, they would become the central election issue. If Labour accepted them, the Tories would argue that Labour's spending pledges cannot be afforded without tax increases..... Page 18

Group Captain George Powell-Sheddon, fighter ace; **Erwin Knoll**, American editor; **Richard Hewitt**, of the Royal Society of Medicine..... Page 21

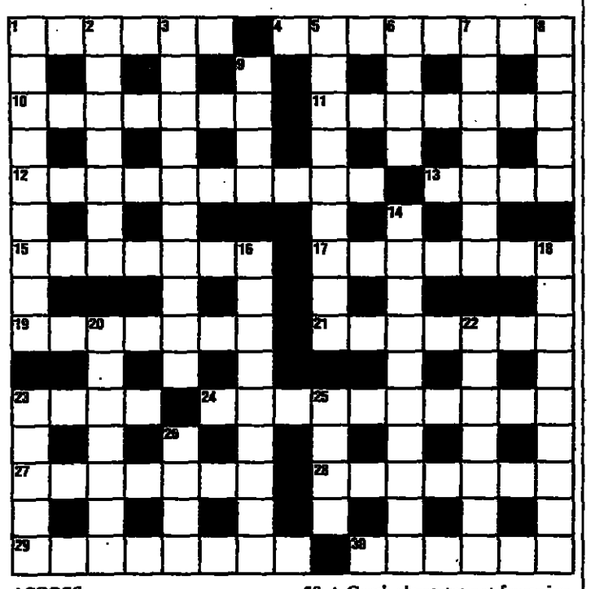
Unprofor's role in Bosnia..... Page 19

Privatisation has come to mean inflated salaries for water board chairmen and while the rest of the world queues up for British expertise, at home everything has decayed — *The Sunday Telegraph*

Parliament is no longer regarded as capable of keeping its own stables clean — *The Observer*

After so many years of exciting government, Britain would benefit from a spell of plain, straightforward, good Government — *Independent on Sunday*

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ACROSS

1 Judge those acting foolishly have a point (6).
4 The sound of a snake that's been provoked (8).
10 Shellfish needs salt only (7).
11 It is usual to declare date of birth (7).
12 A spread for the board (10).
13 A lot of people get married, no matter what (4).
15 See why a change would make nonsense (3-4).
17 The early caller wants a roll with no filling (7).
19 Sort of pudding for a top CIA assemblage (7).
21 Bodies found in docks (7).
23 Steer youngsters round the other way (5).
24 Manage a number with little rest somehow (10).
27 Getting out of a colliery to study (7).
28 A Greek character not favouring Italian wine (7).
29 Project a man has become involved in to gain advancement (8).
30 Requisition during the depression (6).

DOWN

1 Flat broke — meant to keep a bit (9).
2 Shuffle along quiet promenade (7).
3 Craftsman giving odd names to son (10).
5 Frightened about non-drinking direction being broadcast (9).
6 I dry up in exchange for sweets (4).
7 It's so hard for a worker after a stoppage (7).
8 Each single woman is on the track! (5)
9 The hide collapsed (4).
14 The sorry outcome of error (10).
16 She dreads organising capital investment (4-5).
18 Check coaches among others (9).
20 Head holding cheat to get proof (7).
22 Some retain ten, several rather more, which is great! (7).
23 Passed a writer in the street (5).
25 Within the church — but not for long (4).
26 A person making misrepresentations upsets the bar (4).

Times Two Crossword, page 44

KNOCKANDO
PURE DOUBLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,692 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

TIMES CITYCALL

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Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Hereffds & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
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Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
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N W England	716
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N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
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For the latest AA traffic/roadworks information, 24 hours a day, dial 0336 401 followed by the appropriate code:

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Area within M25	731
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Hove, East Sussex, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Drumalbin, Strathclyde, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Beaufort Park, Bedshire, 1.28in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly, 8.0hr.

WEATHER

☐ **General:** much of central and eastern England and eastern Scotland will dawn dull and misty. The mist will clear from most places in the morning and then the day will be quite bright with some sunshine. On North Sea coasts a few places may stay dull.

Wales, Northern Ireland and the west of both England and Scotland will have showers, mostly in the morning, with the afternoon drier and brighter with sunshine at times.

Temperatures will be much like yesterday's but the west will be quite windy.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** dull early, with patchy fog. Brightening. Wind light or moderate southeasterly. Mild. Maximum temperature 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

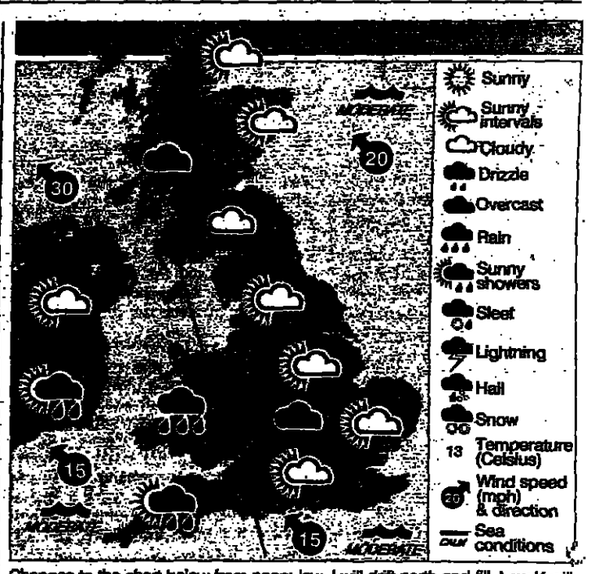
☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** showers, occasionally heavy, brighter and drier in the afternoon with some sunshine. Wind fresh southeasterly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** sunny at times. A few showers. Wind brisk southeasterly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Isle of Man, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** showers, some heavy. Sunny spells, especially in the afternoon. Wind strong southeasterly. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** some sunshine, perhaps a few showers. Wind moderate southeasterly. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Outlook:** some sunshine, but showers or longer spells of rain.



Changes to the chart below from noon: low J will drift north and fill. Low K will move northeast and fill while low E will be slow-moving. High P will move northeast and decline



24 hrs to 5 pm: t=thunder; dr=drizzle; du=dust; storm; fg=fog; sw=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; rn=rain; hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.34	11	52	r
Anglesey	2.2	-	13	55	c
Aspatria	0.1	0.22	10	50	c
Aviemore	-	0.17	10	50	r
Belfast	4.6	-	13	55	s
Birmingham	-	0.51	12	54	r
Bognor R	-	0.93	11	52	r
Bournem'th	-	0.30	12	54	du
Bristol	-	0.14	13	55	r
Buxton	-	0.59	9	48	c
Cardiff	1.5	-	13	55	c
Clacton	-	0.17	14	57	r
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	1.7	0.01	13	55	c
Cromer	-	0.61	15	59	c
Doncaster	-	0.85	11	52	r
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	-	0.47	13	55	d
Edinburgh	-	0.39	11	52	r
Eskdalemuir	-	0.37	10	50	d
Exmouth	0.2	-	12	54	c
Falmouth	X	-	12	54	s
Fishguard	3.4	-	12	54	b
Folkestone	0.6	0.18	15	59	r
Glasgow	-	0.04	10	50	r
Guernsey	-	0.37	13	55	r
Hastings	-	0.35	14	57	r
Hayling I.	-	0.78	12	54	r
Herne Bay	0.1	0.17	14	57	r
Hove	-	0.52	15	59	r
Hunstanton	-	0.04	15	59	c
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	3.6	-	13	55	b
Jersey	-	0.46	13	55	r
Kinloss	-	0.13	11	52	r
Leeds	-	0.76	11	52	d
Lerwick	-	0.36	10	50	r
Leuchars	X				
Llandudno	1.6	-	13	55	c
Llanelli	-	0.39	13	55	r
Loftus	-	0.04	14	57	r
Londonderry	-	0.04	13	55	r
Looe	-	0.39	13	55	r
Lowestoft	-	0.03	14	57	r
Manchester	-	0.38	11	52	r
Margate	X	0.17	15	59	r
Minehead	0.2	-	13	55	c
Morecambe	-	0.47	11	52	du
Newcastle	-	0.48	11	52	fg
Norwich	-	0.01	14	57	c
Nottingham	-	0.81	11	52	d
Oxford	0.1	0.81	12	54	r
Penzance	6.7	-	15	59	s
Plymouth	1.9	-	12	54	c
Poole	-	0.26	12	54	c
Prestatyn	X	0.05	12	54	b
Ross-o-wye	0.9	0.26	13	55	c
Sandown	-	0.55	12	54	r
Scarrin Snd	2.1	-	15	59	b
Scarboro'	-	0.25	13	55	du
Scilly Isles	8.0	-	13	55	s
Shanklin	0.1	0.45	12	54	r
Shrewsbury	1.4	0.40	13	55	p
Skegness	X				
Southend	0.1	0.20	15	59	r
Southport	0.5	0.41	12	54	c
Southsea	-	0.75	12	54	c
Stornoway	-	-	11	52	r
Swanage	-	0.24	12	54	d
Teignmouth	1.2	-	14	57	c
Tenby	2.5	-	14	57	b
Tiree	0.1	-	12	54	c
Torquay	1.0	-	13	55	c
Tynemouth	-	0.40	11	52	d
Ventnor	-	0.48	12	54	r
West-s-mare	X				
Weymouth	-	0.08	12	54	sh

These are Saturday's figures

Ajaccio	16	61	f	Corfu	20	68	s	Malaga	17	63	f
Alicante	17	63	s	Dublin	11	52	f	Malta	22	72	f
Alex'dria	23	73	c	Faro	20	68	f	Melbourne	13	55	f
Algiers	20	68	s	Florence	13	55	r	Mexico C	22	72	s
Amst'dam	14	57	f	Frankfurt	10	50	c	Miami	28	82	f
Athens	14	57	s	Funchal	23	73	s	Milan	16	59	r
Bahrain	30	86	s	Geneva	11	52	f	Montreal	14	57	r
Bangkok	32	90	f	Gibraltar	18	64	f	Moscow	-1	30	c
Barcelona	17	63	s	Helsinki	6	43	c	Munich	12	54	s
Beirut	21	70	f	Hong K	27	81	s	Nairobi	21	70	f
Belgrade	11	52	s	Innsbruck	19	66	f	Naples	15	59	f
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Cologne	16	61	f	Madrid	12	54	c	Riyadh	31	88	s
C'phagn	9	48	c	Majorca	18	64	s	Rome	17	63	f

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S Paulo	26	79	f	Sydney	22	72	f	Wellington	16	61	c
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Hull	5.30	7.59	6.47	7.52	Swansea	8.36	9.8	9.00	9.4
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King's Lynn	8.37	6.9	8.50	6.7	Wtsn-oh-Nss	1.40	4.3	2.05	4.4
Leith	4.47	5.8	7.07	5.8					

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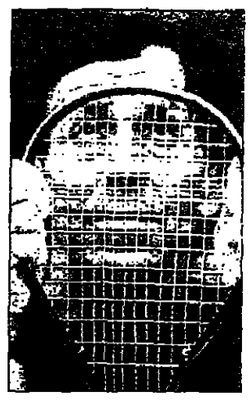
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Foreman sends a shuddering right into the face of Moorer during their world heavyweight title bout in Las Vegas. Foreman, 45, won after a tenth-round knockout. Photograph: Holly Stein/Allsport

Foreman strikes blow for the ages



Srikumar Sen sees the 45-year-old veteran revive his golden years by lifting the world crown in Las Vegas

GEORGE Foreman defied the years to become the oldest man in boxing history to win the world heavyweight championship here on Saturday. In fact, Foreman, 45, was actually regaining the title that he lost to Muhammad Ali 20 years ago in Zaire.

Foreman knocked out Michael Moorer, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) and World Boxing Association (WBA) champion in the tenth round at the MGM Grand Garden, surpassing the oldest previous champion, Jersey Joe Walcott, who was 37 years and six months when he knocked out Ezzard Charles in 1951.

The defeat by Ali had been a humiliating experience and one that had haunted him all these years. Having laid the ghost, Foreman has decided to achieve his last remaining ambition in boxing at the Houston Astrodome before a capacity crowd of 45,000 and retire. His opponent is expected to be Lou Savarese, the No 10 contender.

Foreman has no intention of meeting Mike Tyson no matter how lucrative the offer. Before leaving for Houston at 6am yesterday to be with his congregation at Humble, Texas, Foreman's brother, Roy, said: "After Savarese, that's it. He will not fight Tyson."

The victory was greeted with rapturous cheers from the 12,000 spectators at the Garden who rose to their feet as one when Foreman's right connected with Moorer's chin and dropped the defending champion onto his back. One reporter doing a running commentary was asked by his office if victory by a 45-year-old was a bad day for boxing. "Bad for boxing?" the reporter shouted back, "listen to the cheering," he said, holding his telephone in the air.

Within seconds of the referee, Joe Cortes, counting out Moorer, the United States responded. People who had been watching the bout on television opened their windows and shouted to the people below that Foreman had won. Drivers stopped and hooted car horns deliriously.

Moorer was still unconscious on the canvas when the television interview started in a ring packed with dancing camp followers of Foreman. The new champion said: "It's written on the trunks 'George Foreman, the heavyweight champion of the world'. They are the trunks that make you look a little chubby, but I fought Muhammad Ali in these shorts. Heavyweight champion of the world! Don't call me the former heavyweight champion again. I exorcised the ghost once and forever."

It was a performance of great determination and courage for at Kinshasa, Foreman had been humiliated by Ali and it was generally thought that he gave up when he could have fought on. This time it appeared for a while that he was in for another hiding as the southpaw champion, lighter by 28lb at 222lb, darted in and out with stinging jabs and right hooks round after round.

Some experts gave Foreman only one round. The judges had Moorer ahead by 7-2, 7-2, 5-4. On my card Moorer was leading 6-2, with one round even. You could see the spray flying from Foreman's head as he was jolted back and his left eye was closed.

Moorer, who was supposed to have poor concentration, boxed beautifully to instructions from his trainer, Teddy Atlas, and stayed close to Foreman so that the big man could not find the leverage for his big punches.

Angelo Dundee, who had been in Ali's corner in Zaire and was now helping Foreman, told him to stop following and take the fight to Moorer. Suddenly, Foreman winged in big lefts and rights to the head and body. Seeing Moorer showing signs of distress as he tightened up in anticipation of more body punches landing, Foreman waded in.

Moorer now backed off, giving Foreman space to launch four heavy punches, two jabs and two right hands. The second right caught Moorer with the full 250lb that Foreman brought to the blow.

The champion dropped to the canvas and Cortes, stunned, started counting a little late — but there was no chance of Moorer getting up. He raised his head at nine and then dropped back again.

"That's called a Foreman hamhocks and chitlins right and left. A southpaw is made to order for George Foreman because I'm a straight right-hand puncher. I just got a little body English into the right hand.

"The demographics will never disappear now. On this planet, we will always know that the athlete of all athletes is between 45 and 55. So all of you out there thinking, 'I don't know if I can do it any more' remember if I can do it, you can do it. Bobby Cook [his conditioner] has been following me around for eight years, telling me what to eat and what not to eat, even teaching me to lift weights. I don't like lifting anything over a quarter pounder but he got me to do it."

It is unlikely that Foreman will go through with his mandatory defence against Tony Tucker in May. He will most probably give up the titles and reign as the people's champion.

Seth Abraham, the head of Home Box Office, said that Foreman was now bigger than Tyson in the hearts of the people. "What Foreman did was write history. He appeals to people who do not even have any interest in boxing. That he has done it at 45 is remarkable. People want to see him, not Tyson."

If Foreman can make retirement stick, it will be a sensible move. Moorer, who was specially picked by Foreman, was too quick for the big man. Foreman has enough sense to know that this bout has proved that he should get out now. Having made $65 million (about £43 million) and with large commercial deals coming in as a result of his victory, he need never again take bashes to the head to make money.



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Kentucky concoction lacking in real kick



MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

As first races go, the Breeders' Cup Sprint had not exactly gone Sky Sports' way. "That's very disappointing indeed for Lochsong followers," admitted *Jeff Stelling, who was anchoring* the 90-minute coverage of the Churchill Downs meeting. "And let's face it, we were all Lochsong followers tonight".

It was a brave statement for a presenter with 80 minutes and six races to go, not to mention a live link to the suddenly very subdued party put on for the horse's followers left behind on this side of the Atlantic. But it set the tone for an evening that never quite lived up to expectations.

Just how different things might have been was illustrated by the splendid fuss made of Frankie Dettori after he brought Barathea home first in the Mile. Dettori's extraordinary vertical take-off and landing in the winner's enclosure, captured by the NBC cameras supplying Sky's pictures, must have brought *more than a moment's regret* to the film editor who had spent the last week putting together a musical montage of Dettori's finest moments, only *to miss the finest.*

But still the evening itself refused to take off, despite the best efforts of the American trackside commentator, Tom *Durkin, whose delivery makes* Peter O'Sullevan sound like the speaking clock. Perhaps it was the slightly curious format, with five races shown as *recordings and only two live.* Perhaps it was that of the two races shown live, the Turf and the Classic, neither produced anything like the result British viewers wanted. Or perhaps it *was the fact that the studio* location left the real action feeling every inch of 30,000 furlongs away.

Taking the studio to the *action, to the racecourse, is one* of the keys to the success of *Channel 4 Racing* — although that's a rather easier decision when your destination is Doncaster *rather than Kentucky.* But wherever Jim McGrath and his team go, *The Morning Line* has rightly become one of the cornerstones of Channel 4's sporting Saturday *morning.*

That said, this weekend's show was not one of their best, and I'm not just referring to the standard of the team's *charity bets. For the pro*gramme that was so good before the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and even better after it, dedicated only the *briefest discussion* to the Breeders' Cup meeting. Fair enough, you might say, for unlike the Arc, Channel 4 were not covering the American meeting. But they prepare the ground for the big races so well that you felt deprived.

Channel 4 Racing would doubtless argue that they stuck with what they are good at, which is capturing the sheer enjoyment of actually attending a particular race meeting. There may not be much in terms of expert analy*sis between* Richard Pitman and Peter Scudamore on BBC and the Johns, Oaksey and Francome, on Channel 4, but in terms of on-course atmosphere, Channel 4's coverage wins easily. In *Grandstand*, the impression remains that horse racing is what you show while you wait for the real sport to come on. At Channel 4, Derek Thompson simply takes up his position by the paddock rails and invites you to enjoy the afternoon.

Whether it's Thompson's post-race interviews with a victorious jockey (*I, for one,* am looking forward to him following NBCs example and conducting them on horseback), Lesley Graham's latest piece of gossip from the stables or Alastair Down spotting a sudden anomaly in the oncourse betting, together they combine to give the best televised impression yet of what it's like to go racing.

As Julian Wilson's excellent report from the Melbourne Cup showed, the BBC is well aware that there is more to race meetings than the races. But as far as Saturday afternoons are concerned, the Corporation appears to have neither the time nor the inclination to show us.

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Agassi rises to No 2 in world rankings

ANDRE Agassi's climb up the world rankings continued yesterday when he won the Paris Indoor Open title, beating Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, in a thrilling final 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. The win lifts Agassi, who has already qualified for next month's ATP world championship finals in Frankfurt, to No 2 in the rankings.

Agassi, 24, began the year with his wrist in plaster and fell to No 32 before winning his first title of 1994 in Arizona in February. Since then, he has steadily improved, reaching a peak, he said, with last Friday's defeat of Pete Sampras in the Paris event. "It was absolutely incredible tennis," he said yesterday, "and to get through that one gave me great confidence. I have to say that that to me was the match of the tournament." It was Agassi's fifth tournament win of the year and the 24th of his career.

Lawler takes lead

SNOOKER: Rod Lawler, from Liverpool, established a 4-3 lead over Mark Williams after the first session of the best-of-17-frame Benson and Hedges championship final in Edinburgh yesterday. Lawler, the world No 45 who beat Matthew Stevens 6-3 in the semi-finals on Saturday, needed five of the remaining ten frames to win and claim an automatic wild-card invitation to the Masters tournament at Wembley Conference Centre in February. Williams, 19, from Ebbw Vale, built a 3-1 lead before Lawler recovered to win the next three frames with breaks of 55, 41 and 55.

Nelson retains title



BOXING: Johnny Nelson, of Britain, right, outpointed Nicolai Kulpin, of Kazakhstan, in Chiang Rai, Thailand, yesterday to retain his World Boxing Federation heavyweight championship. Nelson, 27, who won the title a year ago, kept it after being awarded a split decision in the 12-round contest against an opponent who weighed 35lb heavier than himself.

Sharks' strong case

BASKETBALL: Whatever the ethics surrounding the arrival of Sheffield Sharks in the Budweiser League during the summer, the club's form has made an overwhelming case in its favour. Their 79-73 victory over Worthing Bears gave them the outright leadership. The league's other new team, the Leopards recorded their biggest win, 121-77 over Sunderland Scorpions.

De Silva seals victory

CRICKET: Aravinda de Silva made 107 off a hundred balls to help Sri Lanka thrash Zimbabwe by 191 runs in the third and final one-day cricket international in Harare on Saturday, thus clinching the series 2-1. It was his highest one-day score, helping Sri Lanka post 296 for four off 50 overs. Then they reduced Zimbabwe to 105 for nine off 48.1 overs, Mark Dekker retiring [illegible] with a cut finger.

Beerbaum wins again

SHOW JUMPING: Ludger Beerbaum of Germany, riding Sprake Ratina Z, claimed the top prize for the second successive weekend. He won a 13-horse jump-off to claim the Volvo world cup qualifier in Amsterdam. John Popely was the only British survivor from the original field of 35. There were three clear rounds in the jump-off: by Beerbaum, his brother, Markus, and Michel Robert, of France.

Schultz reaches final



TENNIS: Brenda Schultz, of Holland, right, reached the final of the Bell Challenge tournament in Quebec, Canada, after a demanding three-set victory against, Nathalie Tauziat, of France, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4. She will meet Katerina Maleeva, of Bulgaria, who had another semi-final struggle, eventually beating Chanda Rubin, of the United States, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Weather foils women

SKIING: The opening race of the women's alpine World Cup at Saas-Fee, in Switzerland, was cancelled yesterday due to bad weather. Heavy snow falls and high winds on the piste forced the women's slalom to be called off, just 24 hours after a men's Nations Cup slalom had been cancelled for the same reason at the same venue. No new date was announced for the women's race.

Sheffield bedevilled

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils took a giant stride towards the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup with a 6-3 away win over Sheffield Steelers in the first leg of their semi-final. The teams shared four goals in the first period, but Cardiff scored three without reply in the second and held on, thanks mainly to an outstanding performance by their goaltender, Jason Wood.

Captain's innings preserves Pakistan advantage

FIGHTING centuries by the captain, Salim Malik, and Aamir Sohail enabled Pakistan to escape with a draw in the third Test against Australia in Lahore and so win the series 1-0.

Malik made 143 and Sohail scored 105, the pair sharing a sixth-wicket stand of 196, after Pakistan, who were 82 behind on first innings had started the final day in trouble at 137 for five.

Malik, who hit a double century to thwart Australia's bid to win the second Test, raised his aggregate for the series to 557 runs, the highest in a three-match rubber between the countries, beating Graham Yallop's 554 during the 1983-84 series in Australia. The Pakistan captain won both the man of the match and man of the series awards.

Shane Warne, who took 18 wickets in the three games, was voted Australia's man of the series.

Bobby Simpson, Australia's coach, blamed the lifeless pitch and his bowlers for the match finishing as a draw. "The pitch was not of Test standard," he said. "A little grass on it perhaps would have yielded a different result. You have got to bowl to a tight line and length in this sort of situation."

However, Australia won praise from Malik, who batted for five hours and 14 mins, faced 242 balls and struck 19 fours. "They certainly batted and bowled better than us in the series," he said.

Sohail was in for 280 minutes for his second Test century, hitting 17 fours from 200 balls.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN: First Innings 373 (Moin Khan 115 not out, Salim Malik 75, S K Warne 6-136, T B A May 3-69).

Second Innings

Basit Ali c Emery b McGrath	2
Saeed Anwar c Emery b McGrath	32
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Emery b McDermott	3
*Salim Malik b Bevan	143
Ijaz Ahmed low b McGrath	6
†Moin Khan c McDermott b May	16
Aamir Sohail st Emery b Warne	105
Akram Raza lbw b Warne	32
Mushtaq Ahmed c Emery b McGrath	27
Aqib Javed lbw b Warne	2
Mohsin Kamal not out	0
Extras (b 8, lb 16, nb 8, w 4)	36
Total	404

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-28, 3-60, 4-74, 5-107, 6-303, 7-363, 8-384, 9-394

BOWLING: McDermott 19-2-81-1; McGrath 25.1-1-92-4, Warne 30-2-104-3, May 25-4-60-1, Bevan 4-0-21-1; Waugh 5-0-22-0

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 455 (M G Bevan 91, M J Slater 74, Mohsin Kamal 4-116, Mushtaq Ahmed 4-121)

Fielding causes concern as bowlers toil on placid pitch

England loosen grip on victory

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN ADELAIDE

THE Adelaide pitch, so spiteful on a damp first day, reclaimed its reputation yesterday as South Australia, who began their second innings 221 runs behind England, ended the third day with a lead of 194. James Brayshaw and Jamie Siddons, the captain, made centuries that should enable them to save the match. To draw from a position of 102 all out in the first innings would be a fair achievement.

It was not much of a day for bowling, even if England had bowled well. "It was hard work for us" Keith Fletcher, the England team manager, said. "We kept going but the pitch was very flat. We are disappointed not to be in a stronger position. You can only do your best".

Brayshaw, the son of Ian, the former West Australian all-rounder, made 101 from 192 balls before he edged Craig White to second slip. Siddons, who has a first-class average of 48, reached his century from the last ball of the day when he pushed Tufnell through mid-wicket for two. Nobes, the opener, made 72. Faull and Webber contributed usefully.

England's bowling, which *lacked Malcolm and* DeFreitas, gave marginally less concern than their fielding, which was lax and, too often, poor. To say that Gooch looked less restricted in movement and agility than younger men, when he is 41, is a damning commentary on the overall performance. There is a lot of work to put in before the Test series.

"It has got to improve" was Fletcher's assessment. "There are no Colin Blands in the field." In order to gauge fitness levels, Dave Roberts, the team physiotherapist, has drawn up "fat tests", primarily for the *bowlers, to keep a check on* bodily fluctuations.

Such guides can only ever be general. Tim Munton was told to shed a stone before an *A tour whereupon he hardly* took a wicket. "Diets are not much good," Fletcher said. "You need to keep energy levels up".

John Crawley, who missed a simple catch on Saturday when Faull popped up a ball from Gough to square leg, is in the eye of the physiological storm. *He was told to shed* weight at the end of the summer and looks inelegant in the field, sometimes slovenly. McCague, on the other hand, *is alert for a man of his* bulk, which just goes to show how appearances can sometimes deceive.

Too often England are *scruffy in the field, which* makes Rhodes's job behind the stumps more difficult. He is a lively wicketkeeper, forever "geeing up" *the troops,* but when he has to receive the sort of returns he has got in this match he must wonder whether his encouragement *has any effect.*

There was a classic moment yesterday when Siddons, 21 at the time, ran five. The Adelaide Oval has the longest *straight boundaries in the* world and there was every chance, as Tufnell pursued a drive off McCague, that Siddons would get more than four. To run that many here is commonplace. Hick did it twice to third man.

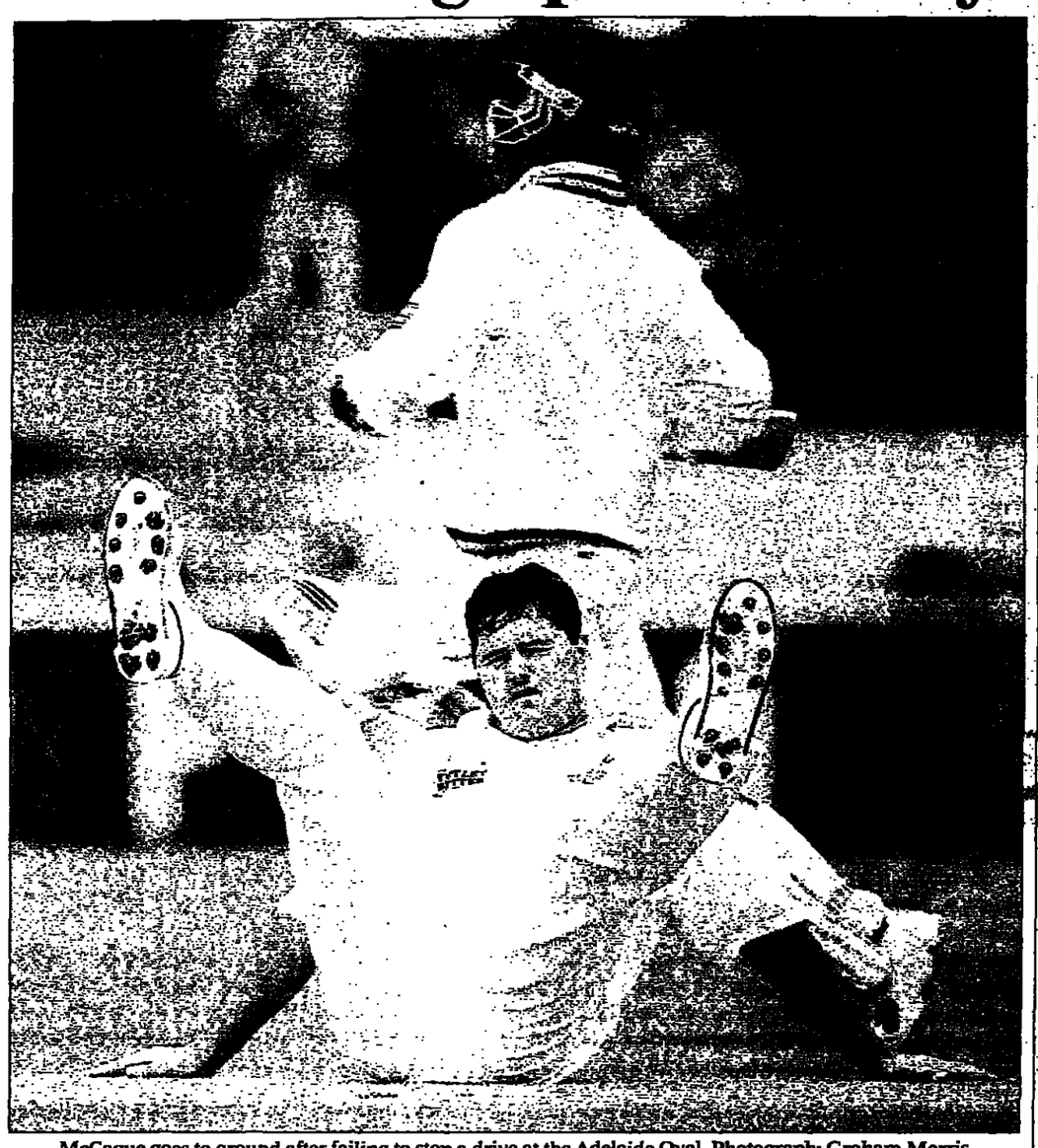
Hick's century, his second in successive matches, was the cornerstone of England's innings, which ultimately disappointed. By losing their last seven wickets for 52 they surrendered a winning advantage. Peter McIntyre, a leg spinner of moderate ability, took four wickets to demolish the innings at a cost of nine runs. "Shane Warne will have great fun with these guys," he said later.

It is all a question of who you believe. McIntyre bowled *an over of wrong'uns to* Thorpe, convinced the batsman could not pick them; Thorpe thought the ball was spinning too much to threaten *him. The truth, as ever, falls* somewhere in between.

Tufnell, who needs some long bowls to establish any kind of rhythm, has not impressed. *In his first over* Nobes wondered out to mid-wicket — where the ball had landed — to whack the four that took him to 50. Unimpressed, Tufnell reminded Faull, the non-striker, the next ball that he was backing up too far.

Brayshaw played well for *his hundred, although the* bowlers obliged him with plenty to hit on the off side. With a strong breeze blowing across the ground, it was not the best of days to maintain the strictest control, although Gough and McCague stretched the batsmen in their first spells.

Siddons, a member of cricket's biggest club, the Nearly Men, thumped the new ball around when it was taken. Gough, who took the first wicket before a run had been scored, has subsequently taken one for 112. McCague, the first-innings destroyer, has also conceded a century. From a position of command, England are now merely favourites to win, and may not even do that.



McCague goes to ground after failing to stop a drive at the Adelaide Oval. Photograph: Graham Morris

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First Innings 102 (M J McCague 5-31)

Second Innings

G S Blewett c Rhodes b Gough	0
M P Faull c McCague b Gough	47
P C Nobes c Rhodes b McCague	72
D S Webber lbw b Benjamin	49
J A Brayshaw c Hick b White	101
*J D Siddons not out	100
†T J Nielsen not out	33
Extras (lb 5, nb 4)	13
Total (5 wkts)	415

P E McIntyre, S George, D J Hickey and M Mnagall to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-126, 3-126, 4-214, 5-316

BOWLING: Gough 29-3-112-2, McCague 28-9-104-1, Benjamin 26-3-76-1, Tufnell 21-5-59-0, White 17-1-52-1, Hick 2-0-7-0

ENGLAND: First Innings

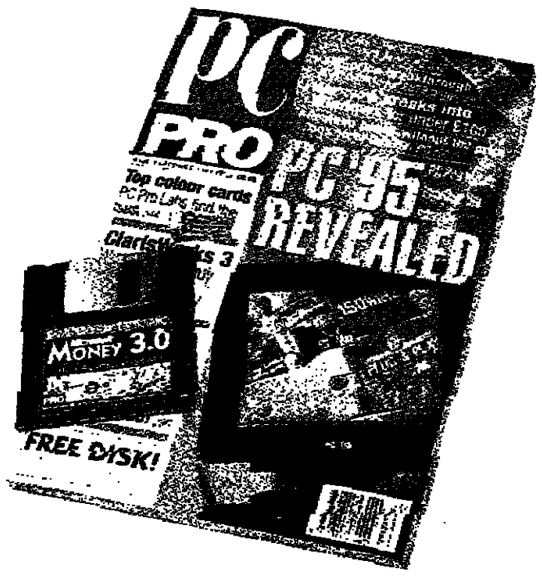
G A Gooch lbw b Blewett	50
J P Crawley c Siddons b George	0
G A Hick hit wicket b Hickey	101
G P Thorpe b McIntyre	80
M W Gatting c Nielsen b George	45
C White c Siddons b George	2
S J Rhodes c Nielsen b George	0
D Gough c Webber b McIntyre	5
M J McCague not out	11
J E Benjamin c Brayshaw b McIntyre	7
P C R Tufnell c Webber b McIntyre	4
Extras (lb 8, nb 5)	18
Total	323

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-97, 3-186, 4-271, 5-281, 6-281, 7-292, 8-299, 9-315.

BOWLING: George 29-5-114-4, Hickey 21-2-83-1, Blewett 6-0-31-1, Minagall 11-3-39-0; McIntyre 18.4-3-48-4

Umpires, D J Harper and C D Timmins.

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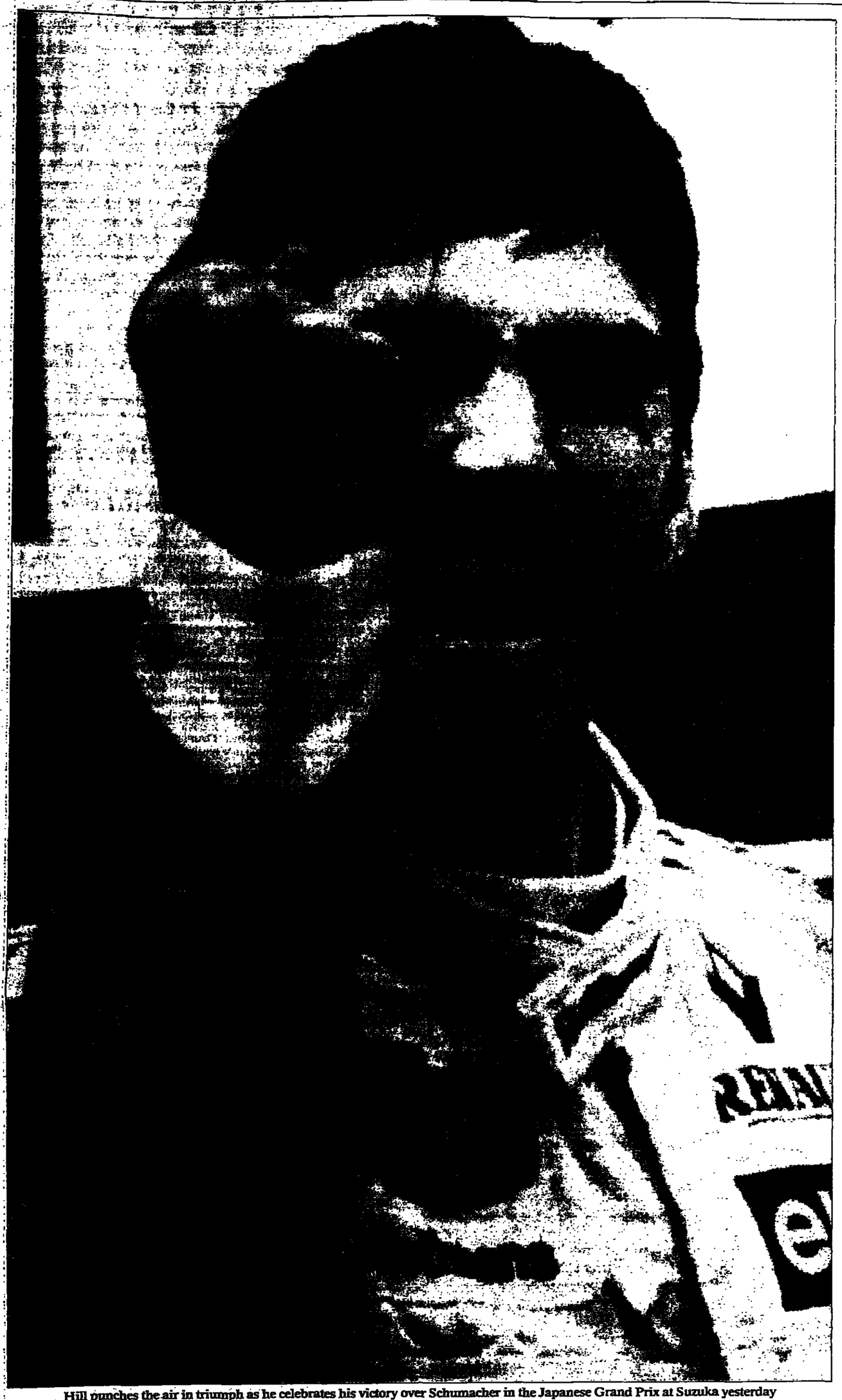
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Briton triumphs in Japanese downpour to close gap on Formula One championship leader



Hill punches the air in triumph as he celebrates his victory over Schumacher in the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka yesterday

Hill finds new reserves of courage to deny Schumacher



Oliver Holt on the brilliance and bravery of drivers pushed to the very limits of their skill at Suzuka

A TALE of two races and a far, far better thing than he has ever done before unfolded in front of Damon Hill here yesterday. Through torrential rain that turned the track into a lake, past the wrecks of countless cars and beyond the reach of the charging Michael Schumacher, Hill explored new limits to take the Formula One world championship down to the wire in the last race of the season in Adelaide next Sunday.

Hill, who once again trails Schumacher by a single point, was more than six seconds behind the young German when the race was stopped after 14 laps as the sport teetered anew on the brink of tragedy. In the chaos of spinning cars, a marshal attempting to remove Gianni Morbidelli's stricken Arrows was hurled into the air by the pirouetting McLaren-Peugeot of Martin Brundle.

But as it became clear he was not seriously injured and the race was restarted, Hill, Schumacher, Jean Alesi and Nigel Mansell reminded the world why Formula One used to make the headlines.

Driving by feel and instinct through blinding plumes of spray thrown up by their rivals, muscling their twitching cars to the edge of control, they all contributed to the most exciting race for several years. Schumacher held the advantage before the race was stopped but in the second phase he was blighted by a two-pitstop strategy and by the brilliance of Hill who drove a wet race that Ayrton Senna would have been proud of. Now, surely, he has nothing left to prove.

Because the times were calculated on an aggregate basis, a combination of before and after the restart, Schumacher could have beaten Hill without actually overtaking him but he never got quite close enough.

At the end, as Mansell and Alesi hugged each other in celebration of their duel, Schumacher hauled himself out of his car and tapped Hill's helmet in congratulations. Hill punched the air with both hands, jubilant that he had turned the tables on his rival and regained the momentum he lost at the last race in Jerez. For the first time since 1986, the championship hinges on the final grand prix.

Hill dedicated his victory to Senna's family, before rubbing the salt into Schumacher's wounds. "Now the boot is on the other foot," Hill said. "We will find out how Michael copes with the pressure this time. That is the first time he has been beaten fair and square this season and nobody can take that away. It was my ninth victory and my best ever. I have been proud of races in the past but there has never been one for me where the stakes were so high.

"To go through a race like that with no mistakes and to emerge victorious should dispel any doubts anyone has over my ability. What do you have to do to establish yourself? I put myself under extreme pressure this weekend. It was very stressful but the meaning of the victory is inestimable. It is so important for the championship."



Schumacher: reined in

Like a punchy film that spits you out of the cinema dancing with *bonhomie*, this was an unashamedly feelgood race, the antithesis of some of the processional encounters that have littered this season. A land that revels in extremes of devotion was rewarded with a race of exceptional skill and commitment.

After the early spills which saw a succession of cars, including the Benetton of Johnny Herbert, spinning out of control on a flooded pit straight, Brundle's accident stopped the race. "It was lunacy," Brundle said. "I came round the corner out of control, saw a tow truck and the marshals and thought my number was up. Even if you are superman, you could not control the car if you hit a puddle in the wrong way."

After that, the rain abated and the race was restarted, led by a pace car until the track had dried a little. Schumacher pitted almost immediately and Hill pulled further and further ahead. But they saved the highest drama right to the last. After his second pit stop, Schumacher fought desperately to eat away Hill's 14-second advantage in the last ten laps and chipped steadily away at it. Flavio Briatore, the Benetton managing director, stood on the pit wall, clenching his fist, urging Schumacher on as he reduced the gap with each lap.

Frank Williams sat grimly in front of his monitor as Hill's advantage was cut to ten seconds with six laps to go, then seven seconds, with four to go. It was 2.2sec as they both began the final lap, but Hill pulled out all the stops, nearly losing control several times but increasing the eventual margin to 3.3sec.

Behind them, Mansell was busy reminding grand prix racing what it has been missing in the two years he has been in IndyCar racing. He removed any lingering doubts about his ability to last a race by engaging in the fiercest and most persistent of duels with Alesi, who is renowned for his wet-weather driving.

Time and again, Mansell disregarded the appalling conditions, drew alongside the Ferrari, his Williams dancing through the puddles, their wheels almost touching, only for Alesi to stand his ground and dive into the corner first. Mansell tried everything, running wide and exploring different lines. Only on the final corner, when Alesi's aggregate time was beyond him did he force his way past. Alesi shook his head and laughed when reporters asked him about the tussle with Mansell. "He is mad," he said. "But not bad for an old man."

DETAILS FROM SUZUKA

RESULT (50 laps, 182 miles): 1, D Hill (GB, Williams-Renault) 1hr 55min 53.532sec (94.114 mph); 2, M Schumacher (Ger, Benetton-Ford) at 3.365sec; 3, J Alesi (Fr, Ferrari) at 52.045; 4, N Mansell (GB, Williams-Renault) 56.074; 5, E Irvine (GB, Jordan-Hart) 1.42.107; 6, H-H Frentzen (Ger, Sauber-Mercedes) 1 59 863; 7, M Hakkinen (Fin, Ferrari) 2:02.985; 8, C Fittipaldi (Br, Footwork-Ford) 1 lap behind; 9, E Comas (Fr, Larrousse-Ford) 1 lap; 10, M Salo (Fin, Lotus-Mugen-Honda) 1 lap; 11, O Panis (Fr, Ligier-Renault) 1 lap; 12, D Brabham (Aus, Simtek-Ford) 2 laps; 13, A Zanardi (It, Lotus-Mugen-Honda) 2 laps; 14, M Blundell (GB, Tyrrell-Yamaha) completed 28 laps; 15, R Barrichello (Br, Jordan-Hart) 16 laps; 16, M Brundle (GB, McLaren-Peugeot) 13 laps; 17, G Morbidelli (It, Footwork-Ford) 13 laps; 18, G Berger (Austria, Ferrari) 10 laps; 19, F Lagorce (Fr, Ligier-Renault) 10 laps; 20, P Martini (It, Minardi-Ford) 10 laps; 21 M Alboreto (It, Minardi-Ford) 10 laps; 22, J Herbert (GB, Benetton-Ford) 3 laps; 23, U Katayama (Japan, Tyrrell-Yamaha) 3 laps; 24, T Inoue (Japan, Simtek-Ford) 3 laps; 25, H Noda (Japan, Larrousse-Ford) 0 lap; 26, J J Lehto (Fin, Sauber-Mercedes) 0 lap

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (after 15 races). Drivers: 1, Schumacher 92pts; 2, Hill 91; 3, Berger 35; 4, Hakkinen 26; 5, Alesi 23; 6, Barrichello 16; 7, D Coulthard (GB) 14; 8, Brundle 12; 9, J Verstappen (Holl) 10; 10, Blundell 8; equal 11, Panis and Frentzen 7; equal 13, N Larini (It), Fittipaldi and Irvine 6; 16, Katayama 5; equal 17, E Bernard (Fr), K Wendlinger (Austria), A De Cesaris, (It) and Martini 4; equal 21, Mansell and Morbidelli 3.

Constructors: 1, Williams-Renault 108pts; 2, Benetton-Ford 103; 3, Ferrari, 64; 4, McLaren-Peugeot 38; 5, Jordan-Hart 25; 6, Tyrrell-Yamaha 13, 7, Sauber-Mercedes 12, 8, Ligier-Renault 11, 9, Footwork-Ford 9, 10, Minardi-Ford 5, 11, Larrousse-Ford 2.

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Davies tops US money-winners' list

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

LAURA Davies yesterday became the first European to be leading money-winner on the US Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour when she finished well ahead of Beth Daniel, her only rival for the top spot, in the last tournament of the American season — in Japan.

Davies finished tied for seventh in the Toray Japan Queens Cup at Oak Hills Country Club in Katori, near Tokyo, three shots behind the winner, Ko Woo-Soon, of South Korea, despite a disconcerting eight at the 7th hole, a par five.

Daniel was 45th but pipped the Englishwoman to win the Rolex player-of-the-year title, for the third time, by a single point.

Davies had a putt at the last to deny Daniel the title most of the Americans covet — because it denotes real consistency at the highest level throughout the year — but she left it short. She said: "I knew I had that putt to be player of the year and I worried about it too much. I concentrated on the line and forgot about the pace. You should never leave it short."

However, it was the problems at the 7th that really cost the world No 1 dear, not only in terms of being player of the year, but in terms of winning the tournament. She appeared to hit a good drive, but, to general perplexity, her ball was never found and she had to trail back to the tee and start again.

Daniel also won the Vare Trophy for the best stroke average over the year but the prize Davies really wanted — to be No 1 on the money list — was hers. As she pointed out, that is the thing most people look at and she has the satisfaction of knowing that she achieved it her way, making frequent forays to Europe rather than concentrating on the US tour to the exclusion of all else.

Davies played in 22 tournaments and ended the year with $687,201 (£458,134), dwarfing her previous best total — the $240,643 (£160,428) she won last year.

The LPGA awards luncheon, a glittering affair, is in New York on November 22 but the leading money-winner hates such formal affairs and said earlier in the year she would make her excuses if her presence was required. But for that eight and the putt at the last, it certainly would have been. Now she can simply spend the money.

☐ Barry Lane, of Britain, was two strokes behind leader Bob Gilder going into the final round of the £667,000 Kapalua International Tournament in Hawaii. Lane, who represents Kapalua on the European Tour, scored 71 for his total of 210.

Gilder managed to shoot 71, two under par, in strong winds yesterday to hold a one-stroke lead over Fred Couples. Gilder, who has not won on American soil since his triumph here in 1988, stood at 208, nine under par, with Couples on 209 after a 72.

Lane said: "These were the windiest conditions that I have played under, with the exception of the Dunhill Cup this year. With the slope of these greens in this wind, it was frightening. If these greens were any faster they would be impossible."

The Plantation Course played to an average of level-par 73 per round in the first two days. In yesterday's wind, scores soared by more than 2½ strokes on average to 75.64 on the 7,263-yard layout.

Faldo pays for error

NICK Faldo blamed himself for his disqualification from the Alfred Dunhill Masters golf tournament in Indonesia yesterday, which cost him £40,000 and what would have been his second tournament win of the year.

Faldo was 15 under par and six shots clear of the field when he came to the 12th green during the final round at the Bali Golf and Country Club course. Then it was discovered that Faldo, when he had removed a piece of coral from a bunker at the 2nd hole during the third round, had unknowingly contravened rule 13.4.

The breach normally brings a two-shot penalty, but, because the discovery only came yesterday, the Australasian PGA Tour operations director, Trevor Herden, had to disqualify the Briton for signing an incorrect scorecard.

The error came to light when Craig Parry, of Australia, Faldo's third-round partner, almost made the same mistake in a bunker at the 7th yesterday, but was stopped by his partner, Michael Campbell, of New Zealand. Parry called for a ruling then said Faldo had removed a stone the day before.

With Faldo out of the tournament, Jack Kay, of Canada, won by a stroke from Pat Burke, of the United States.

Leicester feel victims of bad plot

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE rhyme says "Remember, Remember, the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot." Well, on a cold, wet Leicester afternoon, the gunpowder may have been dampened but, in Leicester's eyes, there was more than enough treason and plot for comfort.

The defending champions' national hockey league hopes were all but snuffed out by a vociferously contested umpiring decision in the second half that presented the league leaders, Ipswich, with a 1-0 victory, their fifth of the season, to keep them top of the table.

It was the old campaigner, Vickey Dixon, who was at the heart of it five minutes into the second half. She charged down the left wing to the byline, only to see her cross hit a defender's foot. So far, no arguments. But from the penalty corner the trouble started.

Kirsten Spencer thundered in the strike, Aileen Claxton saved, but Dixon fell on the rebound and lobbed it over the floored keeper, only for Sue Holwell to knock away the chin-high ball and turn it around the post. Illegally, as it turned out. The umpire, Helen Griffin, blew for a penalty corner — to the amazement of the Ipswich players — but immediately realised her mistake and, after consultation with a fellow official, pointed to the spot. Once Tracy Fry had scored Leicester were never the same.

It was the only mistake Holwell made all afternoon. She frustrated Ipswich time and again as each one of them attempted the impossible by trying to run straight at her. On the break, Leicester were dangerous and impressive in the first half, with Sheralyn Joyce, Nicky Wright and Lucy Cope pulling a string of athletic saves from Jo Thompson, the England and Great Britain goalkeeper. But once the goal had been scored, the damage to Leicester had been done. From then on they were stuck with a damage limitation exercise as Ipswich came storming forward.

Nobody could complain at the commitment of either side, but when Sarah Bamfield had three cracks at Claxton before the ball was taken from her, Holwell's rallying cry of "We should be up the other end" summed up Leicester's shattered dreams. Ipswich still have a fight on their hands for the league title. They are two points clear at the top, but they must face their nearest rivals, Slough, at the end of the month.

Slough neatly dispatched Sutton Coldfield 3-1 on Saturday with all the goals scored in the first half. Karen Brown started the rout with a penalty stroke after one brave soul had dared to fell the tall and ferocious Lesley Hobley. With Mandy Nicholls back in the scoring rhythm getting the other two, the match was over by half-time, Natalie Hannah getting Sutton's only response.

Hightown, Ipswich's opponents next Saturday, thrashed Chelmsford 4-1. Lucy Newcombe opened the scoring after 21 seconds, only for Chelmsford to equalise through Tracy Willmore. But a hat-trick from Tina Cullen soon proved who was boss.

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	5	5	0	0	13	3	15
Slough	5	4	1	0	12	2	13
Hightown	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Leicester	5	1	3	1	4	4	6
Clifton	5	2	0	3	5	9	6
Bracknell	5	0	3	2	3	7	3
Sutton	5	0	2	3	6	11	2
Chelmsford	5	0	1	4	3	13	1

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Beardsley's classic scissors-kick provides cutting edge


Beardsley: irrepressible

Newcastle United 2
Queens Park Rangers 1

By Ivo Tennant

AT THE end of this millennium, which is when Peter Beardsley says he will be seeking to realise his coaching ambitions, some lucky forwards somewhere will be able to prompt him on how he came to perfect the scissors-kick. They will want to look again and again at a video of his winning goal in this match.

Kevin Keegan has exhausted his stock of superlatives when praising Beardsley, for he is invited to do so every week. Suffice to say that the Newcastle United manager would have been thrilled to score such a goal himself, for it was the epitome of technical skill, instinct and fitness. And it kept Newcastle ahead of such pretenders to their leadership of the FA Carling Premiership as Manchester United.

Beardsley started the move by collecting a loose ball near the halfway line. When it was returned to him in the penalty area a matter of a few seconds later, he hit a post. When Fox instantly provided a further chance, Beardsley reacted with the best goal his manager has seen him score since he rejoined Newcastle.

The word scandal surfaces regularly in football, for the people involved in the sport go in for that kind of vernacular. But with every game Beardsley plays, with each considered pass and brilliant goal, this becomes an appropriate description of Graham Taylor's attitude towards him. It beggars belief that he was not chosen by England for three long years.

Beardsley's club managers at Liverpool and Everton were equally culpable in not appreciating that he had sufficient intuition and regard for his own fitness to play on well into his thirties.

In Kitson, who scored Newcastle's first goal, Beardsley now has a fellow forward "who is one of the few who is on his wavelength", as Keegan put it.

This was a match in which Newcastle had to excel. Not merely to retain their lead in the league but to regain the panache that Manchester United and Athletic Bilbao had quelled last week. In an absorbing match against a team too good to be down among the dead men, they did just that.

But if Gerry Francis really does leave Queens Park Rangers, having decided that to hold informal talks on whether to hold further talks is a futile exercise, they will lose a manager who means more to them than even Terry Venables once did. Francis was an exceptional footballer and, given some money and the opportunity to keep all his best players, could well become an exceptional manager.

He says he is sufficiently well off to leave the game for good and, although he has not detailed how successful his antiques business has been, has to be taken at his word. "The regret I have is that I have never broken a contract in my life," he said. What do Rangers have to do to prevent him from resigning? "Pass".

If his directors do not deserve him, his players do. One of them even tries to pass as Beardsley. Dichio — pronounced Dickio — is a 20-year-old Hammersmith-born Italian who looks to have assimilated enough already to be heir to Rangers' tradition of skilled inside forwards. The way he took his goal, to say nothing of his pony-tail, denoted him as a forward with flair.

Sooner than he might have envisaged Dichio is likely to have to decide whether to look to a future with the country of his birth or the land of his family. For he is apparently already being assessed for the Italy under-21 squad.

His goal on Saturday, calculated in that he made room to take the ball on his stronger foot inside Newcastle's penalty area, did not affect the outcome, but would have been cherished by anybody making a special journey to St James' Park.

Malcolm Allison was one of those. No doubt he has advised Venables on the continuing ebullience of Beardsley and the progress of Lee. Newcastle have not been able to advance in Europe and Rangers could soon be rudderless, but there is no mistaking their capacity to please.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-1-3-2): P Srnicek — M Hottiger, D Peacock, S Howey, J Beresford — P Albert — R Fox, R Lee, S Watson — P Kitson, P Beardsley.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): S Dykstra — D Bardsley, A McDonald, S Yates, C Wilson — A Impey, S Barker, S Hodge (sub: D Dichio, 51min), T Sinclair — L Ferdinand, K Gallen.

Referee: G Ashby

Perryman's fancy put to flight by Rovers



Simon Barnes views with dismay

Blackburn's dour dismissal of

Tottenham by 2-0 at Ewood Park

About halfway through the second half I scratched these words into my notebook: the Soulless v the Gutless. This was a trifle unfair, of course, but it reflects my dismay at watching the first thoroughly unsatisfying football match since last season sometime — and that after a World Cup summer and a heavy diet of autumnal footie.

But Blackburn Rovers are fulfilling all the clichés of rising without trace, "not as if they were Arsenal, they are not even worth hating," someone said. "Very capable side," Steve Perryman, Tottenham Hotspur's manager for a day, said in summing up the Blackburn ethos for all time.

As for Spurs, well, a period of caretaker-management sometimes inspires extraordinary performances. This was extraordinary alright. Most observers were convinced that on Saturday, Spurs were actually worse than anything they had managed under the departed Ossie Ardiles.

So let us amend my hard words to Bloodless v Clueless. Perryman sent his players out in a frightfully fancy Ossian formation: nothing wrong with that, but it helps if every player knows what he is doing, and it is an additional advantage if he knows what the other players are trying to do. After 30 minutes of tactical incoherence, Perryman made a substitution, and reverted to something a little more humdrum. The basic instruction seemed to be to fanny about on the ball a bit and then hoof it at the blond fellow.

If there is one thing defences like, it is predictability. Klinsmann tried everything he knew, but without getting much change from defenders or referee. There was one classic moment on the fringes of the penalty area, a shot-in-the-back collapse, and then a performance of a man with a serious leg injury so appallingly accurate that he needed only a parrot on his shoulder for perfection.

Meanwhile, lean, unlovely Blackburn were setting about the winning of this game in their, er, thoroughly capable fashion. Mabbutt was a rock in the Tottenham defence, and every bit as mobile. "He's lost a step." Americans say of an ageing player. Mabbutt has lost several strides, and he could ill afford to mislay them.

The first goal came through the Mabbutt route after eight minutes. To say Mabbutt had a nightmare is, for once, quite accurate: one of those hateful dreams in which you are in a state of desperate hurry, but your feet are enmired in nougat.

Sutton went by Mabbutt as if that man of untold worthiness was a person of no account. True athletic contempt, the disdain of a young man who believes himself immortal for the wise old player who knows he is not.

Shearer hit the foot of the post and was appalled at himself, but Wilcox buried the rebound and from then on, Blackburn had nothing to worry about. Nor did they give us anything to shout about.

It is fair to criticise the Ardiles regime — indeed, the entire Tottenham ethos, this being an ethos sort of day — for its traditional valuation of style over content. This is not an error Blackburn will make.

The renunciation of anything that can be called style is a self-imposed limitation. Ultimately it gets teams found out: Blackburn went to Europe and were quite exploded, but they were not alone in that. In a domestic season that has been filled with tumultuous cavalry-charging football, Blackburn have stuck to pedestrianism. Alas for neutrals, it has worked.

They cleaned things up early in the second half when Edinburgh brought down Shearer in the box, and Shearer himself inevitably converted the penalty. Poor old Walker got a hand to it, but not enough to stop the goal or the rot.

David Pleat, and anyone else who might be on the shortlist for the job of Tottenham manager (or supremo, or football director or whatever gimmick Spurs come up with) would have looked bemused at all this. So much talent, so little effectiveness. Surely all it needs is a spark to set things alight again. Perhaps Pleat and Co are rubbing their hands, anticipating the inevitable honeymoon period that follows the arrival of a new manager.

But how many honeymoons can a chap take? Spurs have already had one honeymoon this season, when they began as glorious prophets of the New Wage of attacking football, 4-3 victories and massed synchronised diving and all that. They were talking about going for the championship despite, even *because* of the famous six-point deduction. Lord knows what they are talking now but it is not sense.

It is sad that Ardiles's brave or deranged experiment in all-out attack has ended with such bitter tears. It deserved better — well, it certainly deserved a defence to back it up. But the Ardiles attitude to defence is rather like the old story of the actor who asked what to do in the pauses. "What pauses?" "You know — when the other actors are talking."

Alan Sugar, the Spurs chairman, espoused all the glamour-by-association that came with the exotic pre-season signings and the buccaneering start to the season, the six-point deficit wiped out in two fell swoops, and all that.

Oh yes, a gruff old fellow with a well-concealed heart of gold. For a while, it seemed that Sugar had, unexpectedly, fallen in love with football, with Spurs, with the old Blanchflower dictum about glory, doing things in style, not waiting for the other lot to die of boredom.

Now it seems that what he wants is victories, points, power. Not vision and vaulting ambition. Perhaps what he really wants is a team like Blackburn. A team to cool the cockles of your heart — but with Sugar, that is probably an unnecessary process.

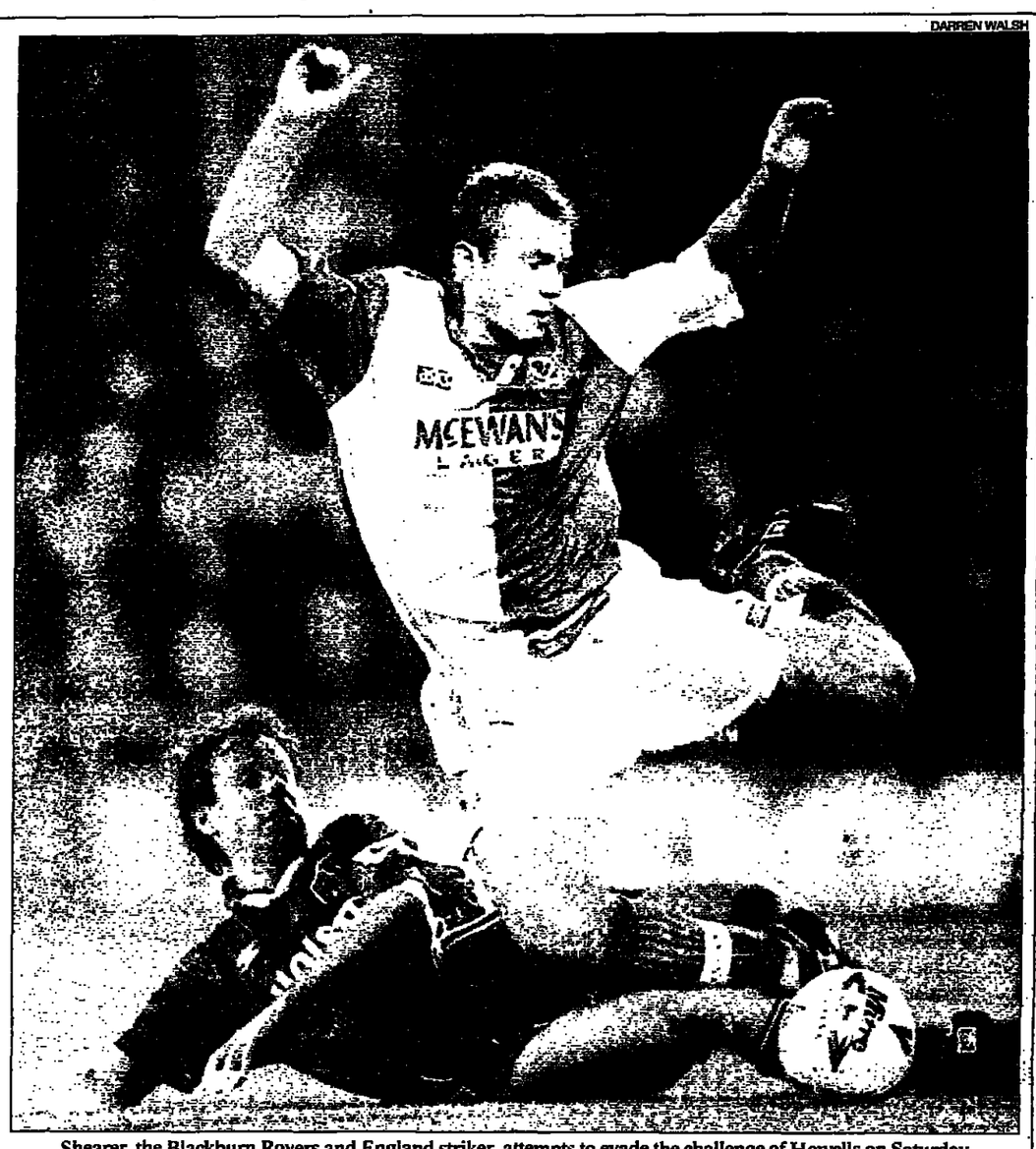
David Pleat will decide tomorrow whether to return to Tottenham. The Luton Town manager has been offered the job of director of football affairs by Alan Sugar, the Spurs chairman. Pleat said he wanted time to consider the move, which would probably distance him from his first love, day-to-day contact with the players.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, C Hendry, A Gale, G Le Saux — S Ripley, P Warhurst, P Sherwood, J Wilcox — C Sutton, A Shearer.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (10): I Walker — G Popescu, G Mabbutt (sub: M Hazard, 75min), S Campbell, J Edinburgh, D Howells, J Dozzell (sub: R Rosenthal, 29), D Kerslake, N Barmby, E Sheringham, J Klinsmann

Referee: T Holbrook

DARREN WALSH


Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers and England striker, attempts to evade the challenge of Howells on Saturday

'The basic instruction seemed to be to fanny about on the ball a bit and then hoof it at the blond fellow'

Forest flunk acid test of rising team's true quality

Liverpool 1
Nottingham Forest 0

By Andrew Longmore

NO GAME between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest will be played without echoes of the Hillsborough disaster, but the floral wreath with the Forest crest laid at the memorial outside the gates of Anfield was a more eloquent tribute to the feelings of the visitors than anything written by their former manager in his autobiography. Thankfully, the only sign of retribution against Brian Clough was a leaflet urging supporters not to buy his book.

Inside the ground, Forest failed one of Clough's litmus tests. In his heyday, Clough would measure his teams by Liverpool's standards. The glum face of his successor, Frank Clark, after a 1-0 defeat, suggested that he had applied the same criteria and knew his team had fallen short.

"We didn't show enough quality in the final third of the field," he said. "But over the last two games, we found some plus points and some not so plus points. We've pushed two of the best teams [Blackburn and Liverpool] very close and I'm delighted about it. The bad things I'll keep to myself." Like Bryan Roy's growing disinterest in proceedings and some chaotic defending from corners.

Had Fowler not missed two sitters after claiming a somewhat fortuitous winning goal and Crossley made a series of fine saves in the second half, Forest would have been looking at ignominy rather than mere defeat, their second in a row after an unbeaten run of 24 games. They were, for all but the first 15 minutes, outrun, out-fought and outpassed by Liverpool, whose own shyness in front of goal must be the main concern for the manager, Roy Evans.

Forest's chances of regaining winning ways tonight against Newcastle surely rest on the fitness of Stan Collymore. His replacement, Jason Lee, was, according to Clark, Forest's best player, but for all his fancy haircut and solid approach play, he lacks Collymore's sharp edge. Roy looked for much of the afternoon like a schoolboy being bullied in the playground. Roy v Ruddock with the ball in the air was a match not even Don King would have tried to sell.

Long before the end the Holland international had even given up pleading with his colleagues to pass the ball to his feet. Why, you wondered, did he not drop back behind the front lines position occupied so effectively by McManaman for Liverpool?

Rednapp have feared this was not going to be his day from as early as the second minute when a near-post flick past James was disallowed for offside. It was a tight decision, but telling. A goal then and Forest might have cut loose. Instead, Liverpool's stride quickened immeasurably once they had gone ahead after a quarter of an hour, Redknapp capitalising on a poor clearance by Crossley to shoot home with the aid of Fowler's shins.

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Liverpool slipped smoothly into gear, passing and moving with such fluidity Forest resembled static pieces on a Chinese chequers board. Liverpool simply hopped over and around them with McManaman drifting in from the right touchline, feeding off Rush, Fowler and the indefatigable Barnes and getting behind the Forest midfield so often that Phillips and Cooper were left in despair at one moment in the second half, each blaming the other for the acres of free space.

"They're a difficult team to keep your shape against," Clark said. "These are the games we were fighting to play when we went to places like Barnsley and Grimsby last season. Anyone not fancying it can come and knock on my door and find somewhere else to play." Clough could not have put it better.

LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — J Scales (sub: J Molby, 78min), R Ruddock, P Babb — R Jones, S Redknapp, J Barnes, S J Blomqvist — S McManaman — J Rush, R Fowler.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — S Pearce, S Chettle, C Cooper, D Lyttle — S Stone, L Bohinen, D Phillips, I Wilkinson — J Lee, B Roy.

Referee: J Worrall.

Moody caps show of class

Stockport County 0
Oxford United 2

By Peter Ball

WHILE Ossie Ardiles contemplates the sacrifice of his beautiful game to expediency — or a lack of backbone in the boardroom — English football's other South American manager presses on. Danny Bergara is now one of the longest-serving managers, as well as one of the most successful, in the lower divisions.

There is no danger of Bergara becoming a victim for practising the beautiful game. Life as coach with Sheffield United and Middlesbrough, and as manager with Rochdale and Stockport, has ensured that. More English than the English, he plays route one football with high-speed aggression.

At Edgley Park on Saturday, with Connelly, the right-back, having an excellent game, Stockport got in more crosses, and good ones at that, in one game than many teams manage in half a dozen. But with Kevin Francis, a bigger version of John Fashanu, injured, there was nobody to turn them into goals.

Instead, while the Uruguayan's team played like Wimbledon, they were outclassed by a team managed by a former raw-boned English centre-half. Dennis Smith has a no-nonsense English sound, but his teams have always played football, and even with a weakened side, Oxford proved no exception. John Byrne in particular showing his pedigree with an exceptional display.

With their yellow shirts and blue sleeves, they looked like Leeds United from the John Charles era. They even had a No 9 with the same stature. At 6ft 3in and 14st, Paul Moody looked the ideal target man for Bergara, but he showed that he also has a good touch.

Transferred to Oxford for £60,000 as part of the deal that took Magilton to Southampton, he is proving a real find for Smith. On Saturday he scored two goals to take his tally for the season to 17.

The first was simple enough, a penalty when Wallace unaccountably handled a cross. The second was something else, Moody cutting in from the right to score with a fierce, swerving low left-foot drive from 25 yards. It was the culmination of a move begun by Marsh, a 17-year-old, almost by his own corner flag.

Smith thinks Moody has more to give. "He's not been operating at his best," he said, "but it's his first full season in the League. He's been playing at Waterlooville, where — and I'm not being rude to Waterlooville — it doesn't really matter, and where he had a job as well. Then he's playing for Southampton reserves, where if you don't always play well, so what?

"Now he's in the league and it's 'Play well! Play well! Play well!' And there's criticism from you lot and me, and it's hard for a player to take."

The victory on Saturday brings Oxford level on points with Huddersfield at the top of the second division.

Moody was not the only participant to show that he is enjoying his first full season in the league. Uriah Rennie sounds like a character from Charles Dickens, and he looks like a candidate for Ellery Hanley's team, but he gave an excellent performance with the whistle. If Oxford are on course for the first division, he looks set for the Premiership.

STOCKPORT COUNTY (4-3-3): I Ironside — S Connelly, M Flynn, M Bound, M Wallace — J Gannon, P Ware, M Chall — C Beaumont, A Armstrong, J Edmondson

OXFORD UNITED (4-4-2): P Whitehead — L Robinson, M Elliott, G Butters, S Marsh — S Massey, D Smith, R Ford (sub: M Lowe, 73min), J Dyer — P Moody, J Byrne (sub: D Rush, 80)

Referee: U Rennie

Pitch conditions dictate stalemate

Woking 0
Kidderminster Harriers ... 0

By George Rae

WHEN the announcer prefaced the team changes by urging applause for the groundstaff's efforts in making the game possible, there was a suspicion of what might follow. With good reason: the first pass sent up plumes of spray before coming to rest in a puddle.

The tone of the game was thus swiftly set. The teams had to overcome the conditions before they could hope to subdue each other. That neither was able to is no reflection of the enthusiasm with which they set about the task.

Woking, who began the day as leaders of the Vauxhall Conference, started brightly with shots from Walker and Shane Wye pressing Stedman into sharp saves. Kidderminster replied with a header from the industrious Hughes which Batty was forced to palm over.

The decisive moment came just before half-time. Dennis, the Woking forward, collected through pass and hit a rasping shot which Stedman stretched high into the top corner to deflect. Woking were never as threatening again nor Kidderminster as vulnerable.

As the cloying pitch took its toll, Kidderminster more readily contained the Woking midfield while offering a greater attacking threat. Scoring opportunities remained scarce, however, although one scramble in the Kidderminster goalmouth saw the ball ricochet onto a post.

Kidderminster, forced to defend the championship after their ground failed to satisfy Endsleigh Insurance League standards, will have gone home happier. They have overcome that particular obstacle and unlike Woking, who would also be denied promotion should they win this season's title, have the prospect of league status to sustain them.

WOKING (1-4-3-2): L Batty — C Fielder — L Tierney, N Brown, M Tucker, L Wye — A Ellis, S Wye, S Steele (sub: D Brown, 80min) — L Dennis, C Walker

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS (4-3-3): D Stedman — S Hodson, M Weir, C Brindley, P Webb — R Forsyth, P Granger, M Yates (sub: L Palmer, 45) — D Humphreys, N Cartwright, L Hughes

Referee: R Dorhead

Parrish scorches Exeter

Exeter City 1
Doncaster Rovers 5

By Mel Webb

IN A quiet, neglected corner of the supporters' club car park, a modest pile of timber awaited ignition. Meanwhile, not 50 yards away, the home team were being reduced to a smouldering ruin only hours after the very future of the club had been thrown into doubt. The bonfire was the best thing that happened to Exeter on Saturday.

Exeter, £1 million in debt, losing £5,000 a week and having to rely on handouts from directors and the Professional Footballers' Association to pay the players' wages recently, have been in financial difficulties for so long that a haunted look and a begging bowl have become a way of life. They were ultimately brought to their knees, however, by one of those things that will not be shifted from an immutable and inevitable pattern: the Inland Revenue.

Exeter first fell foul of the taxman in September, when they avoided a winding-up order only by digging deep and finding £81,000 to pay their VAT. This time, it was much worse even than that: the sum involved £130,000 of unpaid PAYE.

The deadline was to have been Wednesday, the punishment for non-payment the ultimate one: the club would have been closed down by the men in grey suits. There was only one course left to Ivor Doble, the club chairman, and his increasingly penurious board: to hand over the running of the club to a team of administrators, which over the next few months must create something viable from the mother of all sows' ears.

"There was not enough money coming in through the gate to pay the bill," Doble admitted. "If we had another 1,000 supporters at every game for the next three months, it would solve the problem."

Brave words, hopeful words even. So what happened in front of 2,813 willing and enthusiastic souls at St James' Park? Exeter slithered haplessly to their worst defeat of the season, comprehensively clipped round the ear by an eager Doncaster side, who maintained third place in the third division table. Hardly the way to have the spectators fighting their way through the turnstiles, unless they were trying to get out.

Parrish put Doncaster ahead with the game not yet five minutes old, and further goals from Andy Turner, Parrish again and Harper in a six-minute spell just before half-time ensured Exeter's destruction.

Roche, of Doncaster, was sent off two minutes into the second half after an off-the-ball scuffle with Robbie Turner, but even then Exeter could make the extra man tell, only once when Turner headed in a Coughlin corner.

The last word on the pitch still went to Doncaster, who scored their fifth eight minutes from the end through Jones. The last word off it went to a bemused Terry Cooper.

"We can't blame our other problems for what went on out there," the Exeter manager said. "I'm told the administrators are called Ernst & Young — my lot probably think I've signed a couple of German strikers." It is nice to know that at least one man at Exeter retained a sense of humour amid the carnage. And there was always the bonfire to look forward to.

EXETER CITY (4-4-2): A Woodman — J Ainsley, M Cerna, J Richardson, J Brown — S Storer (sub: R Turner, 45min), R Coughlin, M Cooper, M Phillips (sub: G Rice, 46) — M Gavin, M Cecere.

DONCASTER ROVERS (4-4-2): D Williams — R Kiely, C Swailes, R Wilcox, W Hackett — J Lawrence, D Roche, S Parrish, A Turner (sub: G Jones, 75) — S Harper, G Brabin.

Referee: J Lloyd.

Hoddle feels hurt as Chelsea draw on depleted resources


Dublin: opened scoring

Chelsea 2
Coventry City 2

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

CHELSEA, the lions of Vienna on Thursday, became the pussycats of Stamford Bridge yesterday. Though severely depleted by injuries, they produced a powder-puff display to share the FA Carling Premiership points with a keen yet equally limited Coventry City side.

It was too much for Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea player-manager, to bear. After their heroics in midweek — the 1-1 draw with FK Austria clinching a place in the Cup Winners' Cup quarter-finals — Hoddle questioned his future at the club if not given financial help to overcome the huge casualty list. "I'm not prepared to continue with survival football," he said. "It can't camouflage the situation here.

"I've been told there is no money but we desperately need that assistance. It's not a case of a few bruised shins here, it's all about ligaments, tendons and broken bones, long-term injuries. Something has got to be done."

Hoddle has already met with Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, to ask him to release his cheque-book to buy new players. "His response will remain private," Hoddle said curtly. The pair will talk again this week but, asked what will be his reaction if he does not receive the assurances he wants, Hoddle said: "I'm not prepared to answer that now." Bates also declined to discuss the obvious difference of opinion.

Chelsea need something, which only hard cash can provide. Neither side was capable of mustering anything worthwhile in an opening 15 minutes notable only for a thudding crunch of heads between Jones, the provider, and Johnsen, the receiver.

Both left the pitch for repairs, reducing the match to a ten-a-side spectacle until Johnsen returned after five minutes' treatment and Jones ten minutes later.

Spencer, scorer of the priceless goal in Vienna, remained Chelsea's main hope of breaking through. His energetic hustling often rattled Coventry, with Busst and Pressley collecting cautions for crude attempts at stopping him. Johnsen was also booked for an unnecessary nudge on Wegerle.

Coventry, taken apart 4-1 by Crystal Palace on Wednesday, had improved radically, with Dublin and Wegerle constant dangers up front. Hitchcock was forced into an athletic save from a Darby drive and although he was nowhere near Dublin's acrobatic attempt soon after, Barness was precisely positioned to head off the line.

A minute into stoppage time, Coventry's growing superiority became more concrete. Cook threaded an accurate pass into the path of Dublin and the Coventry captain clinically dispatched his tenth goal in 13 matches since his £2 million move from Manchester United.

Chelsea's patchwork side could not grumble. Though they were without seven players who would normally have expected a call for first-team duty, they were also devoid of ideas and, apparently, inclination. Coventry were sharper and more decisive in every area.

Two minutes into the second half, however, Chelsea were handed a lifeline they barely merited. Wegerle's protracted twisting and turning in midfield confused only himself and, after Spackman had gathered the loose ball, Spencer was released with a clear sight of the target. His shot was weak and aimed straight at the goalkeeper but, after a wicked deflection, it veered past the leaden footed Ogrizovic.

Coventry strove hard to regain their advantage but Chelsea, at last performing with poise and purpose, had awoken from their post-Vienna slumber. In the seventieth minute, Hopkin clipped over a free kick from the right and Kjeldbjerg towered above the mass of bodies to head home his first goal of the season.

It signalled a rush of blood from both sides, with defence sacrificed as Chelsea hurried to increase their lead and Coventry pushed for the equaliser. It resulted in the latter, 12 minutes from the end, when Ndlovu's left-footed strike took a slight deflection off Spackman and whistled past Hitchcock.

CHELSEA (4-4-2): K Hitchcock — A Barness, J Kjeldbjerg, E Johnsen, A Myers — D Rocastle (sub: C Burley, 73 mins), E Newton, N Spackman, D Hopkin — N Shipperley, J Spencer.
COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S Ogrizovic — B Borrows, S Pressley, D Busst, S Morgan — C Jones, J Darby, P Cook, P Ndlovu — R Wegerle, D Dublin.
Referee: S Lodge.

Atkinson left cursing Villa's bad luck as Kanchelskis puts United in good spirits

Champions put their European loss behind them



Rob Hughes bemoans the lack of quality football in a heavyweight contest at Villa Park yesterday


Giggs wrong-foots Barrett, the Villa defender, as United try to step up the pressure yesterday. Photograph: Tony Marshall

MANCHESTER United's rehabilitation after the shock in Barcelona came at the expense of their former manager, Ron Atkinson, yesterday, whose Aston Villa team pounded the United defences, lost 2-1 and rubbed salt into the wound of the man who was dismissed by United eight years ago to the day.

As United limped into third place and 32,094 left Villa Park in bewilderment, Atkinson said: "Someone must have run over a black cat. It's a mystery what's happening here, but the only thing you can do is to change the personnel, be it me or the players.

"I'm sure some supporters will start shouting and I'm absolutely sure the parasites will start to come out of the woodwork, but you only change if you know you can bring in something better."

Two questions settled in Las Vegas this weekend were also posed of two presumed heavyweights of the new, improved FA Carling Premiership — questions of advanced sporting age and concussive repercussions. The age factor comes under the heading at Villa Park of friendly fire, for it was critically posed last week by the Villa chairman, Doug Ellis, who wondered whether his team are getting too long in the tooth. The squad includes nine players over the age of 30, the team yesterday started with six.

The first knockout blow, though, involved younger players. Less than four minutes were on the clock when Butt, 19, had to be half-carried from the field, groggy and distressed. He had risen perfectly to head the ball, but Ehiogu came in late and, inadvertently, in his mis-timed attempt to win the ball, literally butted the hapless Butt in the head.

The older men were also mis-timing things. This was their opportunity to erase the scars of Barcelona (for United, in the European Cup) and Trabzonspor (for Villa, in the Uefa Cup), but, as early as the fiftieth second, memories of midweek struggles in Europe were revived as Kanchelskis — admittedly, anything but a veteran, but not lacking experience — attempted a kamikaze back pass to Walsh, again deputising in goal for Schmeichel, who had wrenched an ankle in training on Friday.

Walsh was hurried into his clearance and it fell straight to Staunton who, from 15 yards, attempted an angled drive into an empty net. His right foot, however, is his wrong foot and he woefully miscued the ball across the face of the goal.

If that was bad, worse was to follow as the game became wretched — far, far from the scintillating match between these teams on the same ground last season. Then, they had uplifted the championship with an wonderful 90 minutes of sustained quality football at high pace. Now, there was no confidence, no sense of rhythm, no belief amongst multi-millionaire players that they could do the simple things of the game, never mind the more complicated. Lack of confidence could be their only excuse, for the weather was beautifully autumnal, the wind still, the pitch an emerald carpet.

Aston Villa's woeful form — five wins in their last 27 league matches — was explained away by Atkinson as "unreal". He believes his players are playing superbly well, but, for reasons beyond his explanation, the ball will not enter their opponents' net.

"Rubbish," Atkinson was saying last March, when the writing was already on the wall for a team more interested in cups than the labour of the Premiership. "I'm ashamed to be the manager of a club that has produced our last two home performances. When you have a gift goal given to you, you should make something of it."

That had been against Oldham Athletic. Yesterday, Villa were given another gift, the opening goal, after 29 minutes of dross. It came, inevitably, because of an impoverished piece of United passing. Keane was the culprit, offering the ball for no reason to Dalian Atkinson, who, from 25 yards out, let fly with more ambition than purpose.

It was not worthy of a goal, perhaps, but a goal it became when the ball looped wickedly of the Bruce, the United captain, and over the head of the stranded goalkeeper. It was only the sixth time in eight Premiership matches that Villa have scored in front of their home supporters.

Somehow, it became the last of this match. Walsh enjoyed an afternoon of marvellous athletic saves — interspersed with skittish false rushes — and brilliantly turned away another Bruce deflection, from Staunton's shot, later on. His movement, on that occasion, was wonderful, the spring in his heels elastic, and he managed to palm the ball to safety around his left-hand post.

At that junction, with United on the back foot and neither Cantona nor anyone else finding inspiration or accuracy, it appeared that age had not wearied Villa enough for the champions. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, therefore reorganised, shouting fresh orders from the bench, ordering Giggs to lead the attack and instructing Scholes, the other United teenager, back into midfield.

The red-haired Scholes had been an inadequate replacement for the injured Hughes, although he was bound to be, given Hughes's extraordinary, bull-like enthusiasm for holding together the forward line.

On the stroke of half-time, Villa presented United with the chance to get back into the game. Ehiogu, considered by many at Villa to be a gifted centre-half, carelessly headed the ball out of defence straight to Ince, the one United player to have already taken a shot in the half. He chested the ball down, glanced towards the goal and, with his right foot, produced a low half-volley that Spink must have seen coming since it was from all of 20 yards. But the goalkeeper's dive was late and ponderous. Age perhaps? No, Spink is only 36 and George Foreman has assured everybody that the "athlete of athletes" is between 45 and 55.

As soon as the second half began, the fallability of Walsh was again evident. Fine reflexes he possesses, but nothing like the presence of Schmeichel, and when Townsend crossed from the left, Walsh failed to hold the ball, dropped it invitingly and was lucky that Saunders had negligently assumed the goalkeeper would safely gather it in. Pallister booted it clear.


Houghton: veteran

Three minutes after that came effectively the final blow. It was the fiftieth minute, Irwin had gone on a pulsating run down the left and his cross was hurdled by Cantona. That allowed Kanchelskis to impudently control the ball before stroking it cheekily through the legs of the bemused King and through the defence of Spink for the winning goal.

It left Villa wallowing in the depths of the Premiership, but it was hard to believe that it also put United into so high a position as they retreated, surrendering space and ambition, living on their luck and their defence.

Walsh twice ineffectually missed crosses from King — once the ball struck the knee of Pallister and rebounded to safety and then Houghton, one of the thirtysomethings, hooked the ball back in only for Pallister to clear again, this time knowingly — before there was one final throw of the dice from Villa.

Again, Bruce was almost an obstacle to his own goalkeeper, for, when the ball changed direction off the United captain, Walsh once again had to turn in mid-air and fingertip it to safety. After his tribulations against Barcelona in the the Champions' League last week, he was a goalkeeper redeemed.

ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): N Spink — E Barrett, P McGrath, U Ehiogu, P King — R Houghton (sub: G Parker, 79mins), K Richardson, A Townsend, S Staunton (sub: D Yorke, 59) — D Saunders, D Atkinson.
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-1-1): G Walsh — R Keane, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — A Kanchelskis, P Ince, N Butt (sub: B McClair, 6), R Giggs — E Cantona — P Scholes (sub: K Gillespie, 79).
Referee: P Don.

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	Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	13	32	+18	DWWLW
2	14	30	+16	WLWWW
3		28		
4 Notts Forest		27		
5	13	26		
6	14			
7	14	21	+1	DWLDD
8 Chelsea	12	20	+7	WLWDD
9	13	19		DWWLD
10 Arsenal	13	19		WWWDD
11	14	19		DWWWW
12 Southampton			-4	LLLDD
13 Tottenham*			-5	DDLWL
14 West Ham			-6	LWLLW
15 Coventry			-9	WLWLD
16 Sheffield Wed			-7	WLDLD
17	14	13	-5	LLWWL
18 Wimbledon	13	12	-11	LLLWL
19 Aston Villa	13	10	-8	LDLLL
20		10	-14	LLLWL
21 Leicester	13	9	-11	LWLLL
22 Everton		8	-15	LLDWD

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

* Tottenham to be deducted six points at end of season

All wrong without Wright

Arsenal 0
Sheffield Wednesday 0

BY PAT GIBSON

ARSENAL had no Wright to win this match and little right to draw it, either. They never looked like finding the net without the suspended Ian Wright, who had scored in his last 11 matches, and were lucky not to give Sheffield Wednesday a penalty when Bould seemed to take Warson's legs from under him.

It would have been no more than Wednesday deserved because they were always the more creative side in a match that was often as soulless as it was goalless.

As Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, remembering the League Cup and FA Cup finals of recent years, admitted afterwards, these two sides seem to bring out the worst in each other.

In the absence of Wright, Arsenal preferred Schwarz and McGoldrick to Jensen and Merson in midfield and Dickov, the Scotland under-21 striker, to Campbell at the front. Wednesday had Bart-Williams playing alongside Bright in place of the injured Hirst.

What effect the changes might have had was never apparent because both sides were forced into an early reorganisation when Sinton, who had started brightly on the Wednesday left, hobbled off with an ankle injury after only 13 minutes and Smith withdrew with a pulled muscle four minutes later. What effect the loss of Wright had was abundantly clear.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, had a word of praise for Dickov for "giving them a bit of passion" but all that brought him was a yellow card, one of five in the match. The others went to Wednesday's Pearce and Atherton, and Arsenal's Winterburn and Selly.

The referee was not so keen to point to the penalty spot. The clearest case came in the 67th minute when Bright knocked the ball down to Watson who seemed to be brought down by Bould as he turned to shoot. "It was quite clearly a penalty" Francis said. "As Watson went to side-foot the ball towards the goal, his legs were taken from him."

Graham was equally adamant that Arsenal should have had a penalty two minutes from the end when Pearce might have used an arm rather than his chest to control the ball in the penalty area. "That was an absolute certainty. But the referee was never going to give any penalties today," Graham said.

Those incidents apart, almost all the genuine chances fell to Wednesday. Taylor and Bright both volleyed wide from Sinton crosses, Pearce had a header cleared off the line by Keown and Watson twice muffed his shot when he found himself with only Seaman to beat. Against that, Arsenal had one clear opening Selly shooting across the face of goal offered the kind of opportunity that Wright would have buried.

Arsenal did finish strongly but that was only after Walker had gone off with a groin injury and Francis was entitled to say that if any team was going to score it was going to be Wednesday. "It was not the best of games" he said. "It doesn't matter whether we play Arsenal at Highbury or at Wembley, it is always the same."

Graham was even more succinct: "A very poor match, probably a fair result overall."

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — M Keown, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — R Parlour, I Selly, S Schwarz, E McGoldrick — P Dickov, A Smith (sub: K Campbell, 17mn).
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — B Atherton, B Walker (sub: D Petrescu, 82), A Pearce, I Nolan — I Taylor, G Hyde, J Sheridan, A Sinton (sub: G Watson, 13) — C Bart-Williams, M Bright.
Referee: R Gifford.

Everton approach the turning point

Norwich City 0
Everton 0

BY ALYSON RUDD

COME the year 3000, when competitive sport is considered unhealthy and forbidden, archaeologists will be digging for precious artefacts described in 20th century literature, such as diamonds, Van Goghs and points.

This was Everton's first away point and may be described as precious, priceless or invaluable. And, following on the heels of Everton's first win, against West Ham, it might even be described as a turning point. Heady stuff, but the Merseysiders are on no magical mystery tour. Their match was a straightforward bore that suggested Everton were fortunate to face a Norwich City plagued by an injury list that matched Chelsea's.

This time last year Mike Walker, Everton's manager, was in charge of Norwich and could do no wrong in the FA Carling Premiership or Europe. Now, with Everton's Premiership status threatened and the Anglo-Italian Cup looking the closest his team will get to an overseas contest, Walker allowed himself one brief trip down memory lane, when explaining the importance of a team's confidence: "When I was here we just went out and played."

Had Norwich's control in front of goal matched their crisp, intelligent build-ups of the first half, Walker would not have been able to bear even the briefest flicker of recollection. However, Norwich, despite the efforts of Jeremy Goss, could not capitalise and as the match wore on so did the level of Everton's possession. A goal, though, was unlikely.

Only David Unsworth seemed uninhibited. Usually a centre-half, Unsworth, on return from injury, was on the left midfield and was unlucky to see his second half free kick curl wide and he delivered Everton's only really testing cross of the afternoon.

NORWICH CITY (4-4-2): B Gunn — D Sutch, J Polston, S Phar, M Bowen — N Adams, M Milligan, I Crook, J Goss — R Newman, M Robins (sub: J Cureton, 66mn).
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson, D Watson, G Ablett, D Burrows — G Stuart, B Horne, J Parkinson, D Unsworth (sub: A Limpar, 87) — D Ferguson, P Rideout.
Referee: P Danson.

McGreal thwarts Oldham

Oldham Athletic 0
Tranmere Rovers 0

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

FEW spectators can have left Boundary Park with a spring in their step yesterday. The exceptions at the end of a grim goalless draw were presumably those Premiership scouts monitoring the progress of John McGreal, of Tranmere.

They would trip rather than trudge home, ready to brief their managers that one of England's fastest improving young central defenders is earning his living in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division.

At 22, McGreal is unlikely to stay there long. He was the main reason why Rovers withstood Oldham's second half onslaught. The pride of the Wirral might even have sneaked a win on the break but, shorn of the injured Aldridge, Tranmere's counter attacks lacked their customary incisiveness.

It was an unusual afternoon all round though. Balmy days at Boundary Park are few and far between but, for once, the ground was bathed in sunlight. If the Pennine climate was unusually kind, Oldham's defence proved equally welcoming after six minutes.

Muir's downward header enabled the hard-working Malkin to elude the offside flag and race toward Gerrard. Malkin's shot, however, was struck straight at the goalkeeper and Muir's attempt to score from the rebound was hacked clear by a defender.

So the tone was set for a messy first half in which McGreal's composure proved a marked contrast to the general scrappiness. Committed in the tackle and comfortable on the ball, McGreal demonstrated just why he is attracting acute interest from, among others, Blackburn Rovers and Everton.

His was a measured, considered performance and, after incurring a first-half booking for fouling Banger, it needed to be. Even so, McGreal still managed to maintain a rather tighter rein on Banger than Arsenal's Adams had achieved in the Coca-Cola Cup two weeks previously.

Banger, constantly bothersome in that goalless draw with George Graham's team, was restricted to a sole realistic chance, which he steered well wide with his left foot.

McCarthy started the second half with a similarly wayward strike but at least the service from Oldham's midfield was improving. This was largely down to Henry who hassled Tranmere out of their habitual short passing game. His distribution was as good as anyone's and his long-range drive was the cause of Nixon making the save of the match.

It was no coincidence that Tranmere's goalkeeper became increasingly involved after Oldham opted to push Graham forward as a third attacker. Ungainly he may be but Graham caused appreciable havoc among Rovers back line. McGreal gradually got his measure though - and as dusk drew in, a goal seemed ever more unlikely.

On this sorry evidence, Oldham are marginally better than their lowly league placing suggests and Tranmere — without Aldridge anyway — are flattered by their rather more exalted position.

Tranmere stand third but play-off qualification will surely depend on retaining McGreal. Not to mention keeping Aldridge injury free.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (4-4-2): P Gerrard — G Hefe, R Jobson, S Redmond, C Makin — P Bernard, N Henry, R Graham, R Holden — F McCarthy, N Banger.
TRANMERE ROVERS (4-4-2): E Nixon — G Stevens, J McGreal, S Garnett, F Mongul — J Morrissey, K Irons, G Brannan — P Nevin, C Malkin, I Muir (sub: G Jones, 87mn).
Referee: J Rushden.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

BLACKBURN (1) 2 TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Wilcox 8 26,933
Shearer 49 (pen)

Blackburn: T Flowers, A Gale, T Sherwood, C Hendry, G Le Saux, S Ripley, A Shearer, J Wilcox, C Sutton, H Berg, P Warhurst.
Tottenham: I Walker, J Edinburgh, G Popescu, G Mabbutt (sub: M Hazard, 71min), N Barmby, E Sheringham, J Dozzell (sub: R Rosenthal, 29), D Howells, J Klinsmann, D Kerslake, S Campbell.
Booked: Edinburgh, Kerslake.
Referee: T Holbrook.

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 3 IPSWICH (0) 0
Newman 18 13,349
Armstrong 81
Salako 85

Crystal Palace: N Martyn, J Humphrey, D Gordon, C Coleman, G Southgate, C Armstrong, J Salako, R Shaw, R Bowry, A Preece, R Newman.
Booked: Armstrong.
Ipswich: C Forrest, M Stockwell, A Linighan, G Williams, B Guentchev (sub: C Kiwomya, 72min), C Thomsen, S Sedgley, P Whelan (sub: S Milton, 58), E Youds, F Yallop, A Paz.
Referee: A Wilkie.

LEEDS (3) 3 WIMBLEDON (1) 1
Wetherall 13 Ekoku 25
Speed 38 27,284
White 45

Leeds: J Lukic, G Kelly, C Palmer, D Wetherall, N Worthington, C White (sub: L Radebe, 88min), G McAllister, G Speed, R Wallace, B Deane (sub: P Masinga, 88), N Whelan.
Booked: Speed.
Wimbledon: H Segers, W Barton, V Jones, E Ekoku (sub: A Clarke, 82), G Blissett, G Elkins, A Reeves, R Joseph, S Talboys, M Gayle, A Thorne.
Booked: Jones.
Referee: B Hill.

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 NOTTM FOREST (0) 0
Fowler 14 33,329

Liverpool: D James, R Jones, J Scales (sub: J Molby, 29min), N Ruddock, P Babb, S Bjornebye, S McManaman, J Redknapp, S Barnes, I Rush, R Fowler.
Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, S Pearce, S Cooper, S Chettle, D Phillips, L Bohinen, S Stone, J Lee, I Woan, B Roy.
Referee: J Worrall.

MAN CITY (0) 3 SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3
Walsh 50, 61 Hall 35
Beagrie 79 Ekelund 62, 66
21,589

Manchester City: S Tracey, A Hill (sub: A Mike, 77min), M Vonk, I Brightwell, T Phelan, N Summerbee, S Lomas, G Flitcroft, P Beagrie, P Walsh, N Quinn.
Booked: Lomas.
Southampton: B Grobbelaar, J Kenna, R Hall, K Monkou (sub: J Dodd, 86), F Benali, N Maddison, J Magilton, M Le Tissier, T Widdrington (sub: N Heaney, 82), I Dowie, R Ekelund.
Booked: Kenna, Benali, Magilton, Maddison.
Referee: M Reed.

NEWCASTLE (0) 2 QPR (1) 1
Kitson 20 Dichio 60
Beardsley 42 34,278

Newcastle: P Srnicek, M Hottiger, J Beresford, P Albert, S Howey, D Peacock, R Fox, R Lee, P Kitson, P Beardsley, S Watson.
QPR: S Dykstra, D Bardsley, C Wilson, S Barker, A McDonald, S Yates, A Impey, S Hodge (sub: D Dichio, 50min), L Ferdinand, K Ballen, T Sinclair.
Booked: Sinclair.
Referee: G Ashby (Worcester).

NORWICH (0) 0 EVERTON (0) 0
18,377

Norwich: B Gunn, D Sutch, M Bowen, J Polston, S Prior, N Adams, M Milligan, I Crook, J Goss, R Newman, M Robins (sub: J Cureton, 65min).
Booked: Goss, Newman.
Everton: N Southall, M Jackson, D Burrows, D Watson, G Ablett, G Stuart, B Horne, J Parkinson, D Unsworth (sub: A Limpar, 86min), P Rideout, D Ferguson.
Booked: Burrows, Stuart, Rideout, Unsworth.
Referee: P Danson.

WEST HAM (0) 1 LEICESTER (0) 0
Dicks 77 (pen) 18,780

West Ham: L Miklosko, A Whitbread, A Marsh, S Potts, J Dicks, I Bishop, M Rush, A Cottee (sub: K Brown, 84min), T Morley, J Moncur, D Hutchison.
Sent off: Hutchison, 33. Booked: Hutchison.
Leicester: G Ward, S Grayson, N Whitlow, N Mohan, N Lewis, F Carr, M Draper, M Blake, L Philpott, I Roberts, D Lowe.
Booked: Mohan, Lewis.
Referee: L Dilkes.

Yesterday

ARSENAL (0) 0 SHEFF WED (0) 0
33,705

Arsenal: D Seaman, M Keown, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn, R Parlour, I Selley, S Schwarz, E McGoldrick, P Dickov, A Smith (sub: K Campbell, 16min).
Booked: Winterburn, Selley, Dickov.
Sheffield Wednesday: N Pressman, P Atherton, A Pearce, D Walker (sub: D Petrescu, 80), I Nolan, I Taylor, J Sheridan, C Bart-Williams, A Sinton (sub: G Watson, 13), M Bright, G Hyde.
Booked: Atherton, Pearce.
Referee: R Gifford.

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 MAN UTD (1) 2
Atkinson 29 Ince 44
32,136 Kanchelskis 51

Aston Villa: M Spink, E Barrett, S Staunton (sub: D Yorke, 58min), U Ehiogu, P McGrath, K Richardson, R Houghton (sub: G Parker, 79), P King, D Saunders, D Atkinson, A Townsend.
Booked: McGrath.
Manchester United: G Walsh, A Kanchelskis, D Irwin, S Bruce, R Keane, G Pallister, E Cantona, P Ince, N Butt (sub: B McClair, 7), P Scholes (sub: K Gillespie, 79), R Giggs.
Booked: Bruce, Gillespie.
Referee: P Don.

CHELSEA (0) 2 COVENTRY (1) 2
Spencer 46 Dublin 45
Kjeldbjerg 69 Ndlovu 77
17,090

Chelsea: K Hitchcock, J Kjeldbjerg, E Johnsen, J Spencer, A Myers, D Hopkin, N Spackman, E Newton, N Shipperley, D Rocastle (sub: C Burley, 78min), A Barness.
Booked: Johnsen.
Coventry: S Ogrizovic, D Busst, B Borrows, S Pressley, J Darby, P Cook, D Dublin, P Ndlovu, S Morgan, R Wegerle, C Jones.
Booked: Busst, Pressley.
Referee: S Lodge.



Walsh: two goals

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Wright (Arsenal)	9	2	5	16
Fowler (Liverpool)	12	2	0	14
Sutton (Blackburn)	11	2	1	14
Cole (Newcastle)	8	2	4	14
Shearer (Blackburn)	9	2	1	12
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	8	4	0	12
Le Tissier (Soton)	7	5	0	12
Walsh (Man City)	10	1	0	11
Lee (Newcastle)	7	0	4	11
Collymore (Nottm For)	7	2	0	9
Dublin (Coventry)	7	2	0	9

EUROPEAN CHALLENGE

AFTER a week of mixed fortunes for English clubs, it is important to take stock of those challenging for Europe's top honours. The continuing success of Arsenal, Chelsea and Manchester United, from six entrants, could be vital in counting towards 1995-96 places in the three competitions.

The strongholds of European football are Italy and Spain. The former has one blemish in the Uefa Cup (Internazionale's exit to Aston Villa), but Spain has yet to lose a team. The surprises are Turkey and Austria, each with two teams still competing from four entered. On the slide, however, are Romania and Russia, both with just one representative left from five clubs entered. Scotland, Bulgaria and Hungary are notable absentees from the latter stages.

NUMBER OF CLUBS (BY COUNTRY) STILL IN EUROPEAN COMPETITION

6 teams left: ITALY (7 entered): Napoli (Uefa Cup), Parma (Uefa), Lazio (Uefa), Juventus (Uefa); Sampdoria (CupWin), AC Milan (Champ)

5: SPAIN (5): Deportivo la Coruña (UEFA), Athletic Bilbao (Uefa), Real Madrid (Uefa), Real Zaragoza (CupWin), Barcelona (Champ)

4: GERMANY (6): Eintracht Frankfurt (Uefa), Bayer Leverkusen (Uefa), Borussia Dortmund (Uefa), Bayern Munich (Champ)

3: ENGLAND (6): Chelsea (CupWin), Arsenal (CupWin), Manchester Utd (Champ); FRANCE (6): Nantes (Uefa), Auxerre (CupWin), Paris St-Germain (Champ)

2: AUSTRIA (4): Admira Wacker (Uefa), Casino Salzburg (Champ), TURKEY (4): Trabzonspor (Uefa), Galatasaray (Champ); PORTUGAL (5): Porto (CupWin), Benfica (Champ); HOLLAND (5): Feyenoord (CupWin), Ajax (Champ); BELGIUM (5): FC Brugge (CupWin), Anderlecht (Champ)

1: CROATIA (2): Hajduk Split (Champ); POLAND (3): GKS Katowice (Uefa); DENMARK (3): BK Odense (Uefa); SWITZERLAND (3): Sion (Uefa); UKRAINE (3): Dinamo Kiev (Champ); GREECE (4): AEK Athens (Champ); SWEDEN (4): IFK Gothenberg (Champ); ROMANIA (5): Steaua Bucharest (Champ); RUSSIA (5): Spartak Moscow (Champ)

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Newcastle	13	5	2	0	19	7	5	0	1	12	6	32	+18
2 Blackburn	14	6	0	1	20	7	3	3	1	8	5	30	+16
3 Man Utd	13	6	0	0	12	0	3	1	3	11	10	28	+13
4 Nottm For	13	4	1	1	12	7	4	2	1	13	7	27	+11
5 Liverpool	13	5	1	0	14	3	3	1	3	15	10	26	+16
6 Leeds	14	5	1	1	13	7	2	2	3	8	9	24	+5
7 Norwich	14	4	3	0	9	4	1	3	3	4	8	21	+1
8 Chelsea	11	4	0	2	13	4	2	1	2	8	10	19	+7
9 Man City	13	4	3	0	21	9	1	1	4	3	11	19	+4
10 Arsenal	13	3	2	2	11	7	2	2	2	6	6	19	+4
11 C Palace	14	2	1	4	8	10	3	3	1	9	5	19	0
12 Soton	14	2	3	2	9	9	2	2	3	13	17	17	-4
13 Tottenham	13	2	1	3	8	10	3	1	3	13	16	17	-6
14 West Ham	14	4	1	2	6	5	1	1	5	3	10	17	-9
15 Coventry	13	3	1	3	8	10	1	2	3	7	14	15	-5
16 Sheff Wed	14	1	4	2	7	8	2	1	4	8	14	14	-11
17 QPR	14	3	1	3	11	10	0	3	4	9	15	13	-7
18 Wimbledon	13	2	1	3	6	8	1	2	4	4	13	12	-5
19 A Villa	13	1	3	3	6	9	1	1	4	6	11	10	-8
20 Ipswich	14	2	0	5	9	13	1	1	5	4	14	10	-14
21 Leicester	13	2	2	2	11	11	0	1	6	3	14	9	-11
22 Everton	14	1	4	2	8	10	0	1	6	1	14	8	-15

Tottenham will be deducted 6 points at the end of the season

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BARNSLEY (1) 2 STOKE (0) 0
O'Connell 45 5,117
Sheridan 77

CHARLTON (0) 1 BOLTON (1) 2
Brown 88 (pen) Sneekes 23, 49
9,793

GRIMSBY (2) 2 MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1
Woods 4 Hignett 73 (pen)
Dobbin 11 8,488

NOTTS COUNTY (2) 3 SUNDERLAND (0) 2
Devlin 20, 53 Gray 62 Owers 66
Legg 28 8,890

PORT VALE (2) 5 SOUTHEND (0) 0
Van der Laan 5 7,141
Allon 26 Foyle 54
Walker 73 Porter 79

READING (0) 0 BURNLEY (0) 0
8,150

SHEFF UTD (2) 3 BRISTOL C (0) 0
Hartfield 6 Gage 12 11,568
Whitehouse 75

SWINDON (0) 1 MILLWALL (0) 2
Bodin 76 (pen) Goodman 47
9,311 Kennedy 59

WATFORD (1) 1 WEST BROM (0) 0
Mooney 20 8,419

WOLVES (0) 2 LUTON (1) 3
Stewart 81 Preece 37
Johnson 84 (og) Marshall 47
26,749 Dixon 54

Yesterday

OLDHAM (0) 0 TRANMERE (0) 0
6,475

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 DERBY (0) 1
5,507 Gabbiadini 66

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 LEYTON ORIENT (1) 1
Ellis 35 West 45
Watson 65 4,653

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
Robinson 60 3,272

BRENTFORD (0) 0 HULL (0) 1
5,455 Dewhurst 74

BRISTOL R (2) 4 BRADFORD (0) 0
Stewart 20, 65 4,247
Oliver 21 (og)
Browning 69

CARDIFF (0) 3 BRIGHTON (0) 0
Baddeley 48 5,004
Stant 72, 78

CREWE (0) 1 SWANSEA (1) 2
Smith 66 (pen) Bowen 43, 89
3,242

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 CHESTER (0) 0
Charlery 33 4,610
Farrell 89

ROTHERHAM (1) 3 PLYMOUTH (0) 1
Goater 17, 80 Skinner 75
Varadi 64 2,848

SHREWSBURY (0) 0 BIRMINGHAM (1) 2
5,942 Bull 4
Hunt 64

STOCKPORT (0) 0 OXFORD UTD (1) 2
5,132 Moody 9 (pen), 62

WREXHAM (2) 4 WYCOMBE (0) 1
Bennett 15, 57, 65 Ryan 70
Connolly 30 3,747

YORK (2) 3 HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
Baker 7 Naylor 41 6,345
Barnes 82

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (0) 1 SCARBOROUGH (0) 0
Johnrose 52 3,016

CARLISLE (1) 4 ROCHDALE (0) 1
Davey 45, 61 Stuart 89
Reeves 58 5,984
Edmondson 88

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 HEREFORD (0) 0
Norris 43 2,448

COLCHESTER (1) 2 GILLINGHAM (2) 2
Fry 29 Reinelt 8
Kinsella 53 Pike 27
3,817

DARLINGTON (1) 2 WALSALL (0) 2
Painter 7 Gregan 51 (og)
Gregan 64 Marsh 84
2,186

EXETER (0) 1 DONCASTER (4) 5
Turner 66 Parrish 5, 38
2,813 Turner 35 Harper 41
Jones 82

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 WIGAN (1) 1
1,683 McKearney 19

LINCOLN (1) 1 BARNET (1) 2
Matthews 22 Cooper 15
2,741 Freedman 67

MANSFIELD (1) 1 PRESTON (2) 2
Hadley 39 Conroy 18, 41
2,602

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 FULHAM (1) 1
7,366 Adams 43

TORQUAY (1) 1 SCUNTHORPE (0) 1
Barrow 15 Juryeff 46
3,036

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Yates (Notts County) 41; Bernal (Reading) 79; Thomson (Swindon) 60; Stevens (Millwall) 75. Second division: Cowan (Huddersfield) 17. Third division: Wells (Scarborough) 84. Roberts 24 and Hewitt 64 (both Chesterfield); Roche (Doncaster) 47.

GOALSCORERS

First division: 19 Aldridge (Tranmere). 13 Fjortoft (Swindon). 12 Whyte (Charlton). 11 McGinlay (Bolton).
Second division: 17 Moody (Oxford Utd). 15 Bennett (Wrexham). 14 Booth (Huddersfield).
Third division: 15 Freedman (Barnet). 13 Reeves (Carlisle). 12 Carter (Bury). 9 White (Hereford).

Scottish Premier: 12 Coyne (Motherwell). 11 Hateley (Rangers). 9 Booth (Aberdeen). 7 Robertson (Hearts); O'Neil (Hibernian).
First division: 16 O'Boyle (St Johnstone). 15 Petrie (Dunfermline). 13 Britton (Dundee).
Second division: 9 Lilley (Greenock Morton). 8 Scott (East Fife).
Third division: 17 Yardley (Cowdenbeath). 10 Kennedy (Montrose). 8 McGlashan (Montrose).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

DUNDEE UTD (1) 2 CELTIC (2) 2
Brewster 14 Collins 9, 28
Dailly 72 10,393

FALKIRK (1) 2 ABERDEEN (1) 1
Cramb 27 (pen) Booth 10
McGowan 66 6,185

HEARTS (1) 1 MOTHERWELL (1) 2
Robertson 35 Shannon 30
8,809 Coyne 46

KILMARNOCK (0) 0 HIBERNIAN (0) 0
8,319

RANGERS (0) 3 PARTICK (0) 0
Laudrup 49 Miller 59 43,696
Hateley 86

FIRST DIVISION

DUNFERMLINE (1) 4 CLYDEBANK (0) 1
Robertson 28 Jack 67
Petrie 56, 63 4,611
den Bieman 88

HAMILTON (0) 0 RAITH (0) 3
1,112 Dalziel 75
Crawford 79, 88

ST MIRREN (1) 1 AYR (0) 0
Dawson 41 (pen) 2,482

B & Q Cup

Final

DUNDEE (1) 2 AIRDRIE (1) 3
Britton 76 Boyle 62 (pen)
Hay 41 (og) Harvey 28
9,844 A Smith 111

(aet, 2-2 after 90 mins)

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (1) 2 BRECHIN (1) 1
Banks 40, 62 (pen) Smith 30
478

CLYDE (0) 2 QUEEN OF SOUTH (2) 2
McKenzie 74 Mallan 4 McLaren 28
McAuley 90 1,150

DUMBARTON (1) 1 STIRLING (0) 0
McKinnon 18 778

EAST FIFE (0) 2 STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 3
Hutchon 56 Mathieson 4, 22
Scott 90 Hutchinson 49
786

GREENOCK M (1) 4 MEADOWBANK (0) 0
Rajamaki 17, 85 1,453
Lilley 47, 76

THIRD DIVISION

ALLOA (0) 0 FORFAR (1) 1
525 McCormick 1

ARBROATH (0) 0 COWDENBEATH (3) 3
421 Conn 21 Yardley 27
Wardell 29

MONTROSE (2) 4 ALBION (0) 1
Tindal 26 McBride 72
McGlashan 36, 52 639
Kennedy 90

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 CALEDONIAN T (0) 2
742 Robertson 50
McKenzie 83 (pen)

ROSS CO (0) 1 E STIRLING (2) 4
Macleod 54 (pen) Conroy 8, 83
891 Lee 27 Yates 48

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Mcnulty (Raith), 63. Second division: McCheyne 87, Thomson 89 (both Clyde). Third division: McKillop (Forfar), 86.

CONFERENCE

ALTRINCHAM (0) 0 DAG & RED (0) 1
855 Bennett 47

GATESHEAD (0) 2 FARNBOROUGH (0) 0
Cramman 88, 90 507

HALIFAX (3) 6 STAFFORD (0) 0
Lancaster 9 Prindeville 28 750
Kiwomya 35, 68
Lambert 46 Worthington 77

KETTERING (3) 3 RUNCORN (0) 0
Alford 15, 35 Brown 37 2,650

MACCLESFIELD (0) 1 BATH (0) 0
Howarth 90 968

SOUTHPORT (0) 2 BROMSGROVE (1) 1
Dove 65 Gray 19
Thomas 82 878

STALYBRIDGE (2) 2 NORTHWICH (0) 1
Clayton 10 Ogham 54 (pen)
Bauress 43 610

STEVENAGE (1) 4 TELFORD (1) 3
Headman 33 Myers 24 Warner 62
Smith 49 Smart 51 Foster 74
Crooks 86 (og) 1,361

WELLING (0) 2 YEOVIL (1) 1
Gorman 68 Barnes 86
Morris 10 747

WOKING (0) 0 KIDDERMINSTER (0) 0
2,368

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Macclesfield	17	6	3	1	17	8	4	2	1	13	8	35
2 Woking	18	5	5	1	22	13	5	0	2	10	8	35
3 Altrincham	16	3	1	5	13	12	6	1	0	22	7	29
4 Gateshead	17	5	2	2	15	6	3	3	2	12	16	29
5 Kettering	16	5	2	1	15	7	3	2	3	12	11	28
6 Kidderminster	17	5	1	2	16	8	3	3	3	13	14	28
7 Bromsgrove	17	4	4	1	19	12	3	1	4	11	13	26
8 Farnborough	15	3	1	2	8	9	4	2	3	11	14	24
9 Halifax	15	4	2	1	17	6	2	3	3	10	14	23
10 Southport	16	5	1	2	21	10	2	1	5	5	14	23
11 Welling	16	5	1	3	18	13	1	1	5	9	19	20
12 Bath	17	2	1	4	15	18	3	3	4	12	15	19
13 Runcorn	17	3	3	2	13	13	2	1	6	12	19	19
14 Stalybridge	15	3	1	2	11	10	2	2	5	14	18	18
15 Merthyr	14	4	1	2	14	11	1	1	5	6	15	17
16 Dag & Red	16	3	1	3	9	9	2	1	6	6	18	17
17 Northwich	13	2	2	1	10	5	1	5	2	10	14	16
18 Telford	11	4	2	0	12	4	0	1	4	7	12	15
19 Dover	11	1	4	1	8	6	2	2	1	8	6	15
20 Stevenage	14	2	2	4	12	15	2	1	3	8	8	15
21 Yeovil	18	2	1	6	10	14	1	3	5	8	16	12
22 Stafford	16	1	0	7	10	19	1	2	5	9	24	8

Yeovil deducted 1 point

SENDINGS OFF

Clarke (Bromsgrove) 53, Myers (Telford) 30

EUROPEAN RESULTS



Amavisca and Zamorano celebrate Real Madrid's victory. Photograph: Paul White

ITALY: Cremonese 2 Sampdoria 0; Fiorentina 2 Bari 0; Foggia 2 Cagliari 0; Genoa 2 Inter Milan 1; AC Milan 1 Parma 1; Padova 2 Brescia 0; Reggiana 0 Lazio 0; Roma 1 Napoli 1.

FRANCE: Nantes 3 Metz 1; Martigues 1 Paris SG 1; Le Havre 2 Lyon 0; Lens 0 Monaco 0; Strasbourg 1 Cannes 2; St Etienne 2 Caen 0; Rennes 3 Nice 1; Sochaux 1 Bastia 3; Montpellier 1 Lille 0. Positions: 1, Nantes, played 16, 36 points; 2, Paris St Germain, 16, 28; 3, Lens, 16, 27; 4, Cannes, 16, 27. Leading goalscorers: 11 Caveglia (Le Havre) 10 Loko (Nantes), Ouedec (Nantes) 9 Tholot (Martigues).

GERMANY: Kaiserslautern 3 Freiburg 2; 1860 Munich 1 Duisburg 1; Hamburg 1 Bayer Leverkusen 2; Bayer Uerdingen 1 Bayern Munich 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 2 Bochum 1; Cologne 1 Borussia Moenchengladbach 3; VfB Stuttgart 4 Dynamo Dresden 2; Schalke 0 Karlsruhe 0. Positions: 1, Borussia Dortmund, played 11, 18 points; 2, Werder Bremen, 11, 17; 3, B Moenchengladbach, 12, 16; 4, Kaiserslautern, 12, 16; 5, Bayer Leverkusen, 12, 15; 6, VfB Stuttgart, 12, 15; 7, Hamburg, 12, 14; 8, Freiburg, 12, 14; 9, Bayern Munich, 12, 14.

GREECE: Larissa 1 OFI Crete 1; Heraklis 3 Xanthi 2; Kavala 0 Aris Salonika 2; Ethnikos 1 Levadia 1; Panionios 0 Athinaikos 0; Apollon 3 Edessa 1; Doxa 0 Ionikos 0. Positions: 1, Panathinaikos, played 7, 21 points; 2, OFI Crete, 8, 17; 3, Heraklis, 8, 15; 4, Olympiakos, 7, 13; 5, PAOK 7, 13.

HOLLAND: Heerenveen 0 Roda JC Kerkrade 0; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1 Sparta Rotterdam 1; MVV Maastricht 2 RKC Waalwijk 1; Willem II Tilburg 1 Ajax Amsterdam 4; NEC Nijmegen 4 Dordrecht '90 0; Feyenoord Rotterdam 1 NAC Breda 0; Volendam 0 Twente Enschede 2; Utrecht 1 PSV Eindhoven 2; Groningen 1 Vitesse Arnhem 1.

HUNGARY: Vasas 0 Stadler 0; Kispest HFC 1 ETO FC Gyor 2; EMDSZ Sopron 3 Parmalat 0; FC Vac 0 Bekescsaba 1. PMSC Fordan 3 Zalaegerszeg 0; Nagykanizsa 1 Ujpest TE 1; Csepel Kordax 2 BVSC Dreher 4; Debrecen VSC 2 Ferencvaros 0. Positions: 1, Ujpest TE, played 13, 32 points; 2, Kispest, 13, 26; 3, Ferencvaros, 13, 26; 4, Bekescsaba, 13, 25; 5, BVSC Dreher, 13, 22; 6, Debrecen VSC, 13, 20; 7, PMSC Fordan, 13, 18; 8, Zalaegerszeg, 13, 17.

PORTUGAL: Uniao Madeira 1 Sporting Lisbon 1. Positions: 1, Sporting Lisbon, played 10, 18 points; 2, FC Porto, 9, 15; 3, Tirsense, 9, 12; 4, Benfica, 8, 11; 5, Boavista, 9, 10; 6, Maritimo, 8, 10; 7, Uniao Leiria, 9, 9; 8, Chaves, 9, 9; 9, Belenenses, 9, 9, 10, Guimaraes, 9, 9.

SPAIN: Real Madrid 4 Atletico Madrid 2. Positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 10, 14 points; 2, Zaragoza, 9, 14; 3, Deportivo La Coruna, 9, 14; 4, Barcelona, 9, 12; 5, Athletic Bilbao, 5, 12.

Endsleigh Insurance League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Wolves	16	6	1	1	19	8	3	3	2	14	10	31	33
2 Middlesbro	16	6	1	1	15	6	3	2	3	6	10	30	23
3 Tranmere	16	7	1	0	23	9	1	3	4	4	10	28	27
4 Reading	16	4	3	1	8	2	4	1	3	11	9	28	19
5 Bolton	16	5	2	1	15	5	2	3	3	13	13	26	28
6 Grimsby	16	5	2	1	15	7	1	4	3	9	11	24	24
7 Barnsley	16	4	3	1	9	5	2	2	4	6	13	23	15
8 Luton	16	1	2	5	9	12	5	2	1	15	10	22	24
9 Southend	16	5	1	2	8	6	1	3	4	7	21	22	15
10 Charlton	16	3	2	3	13	11	2	4	2	14	15	21	27
11 Swindon	16	5	3	1	14	9	1	0	6	8	16	21	22
12 Sunderland	16	1	6	1	7	6	3	3	2	10	7	21	17
13 Watford	16	4	3	1	13	9	1	3	4	4	12	21	17
14 Port Vale	16	4	1	3	13	9	1	4	3	7	11	20	20
15 Sheff Utd	16	4	2	2	13	7	1	3	4	6	8	20	19
16 Stoke	16	4	2	2	15	9	1	3	4	4	15	20	19
17 Derby	16	3	3	2	11	8	2	2	4	6	9	20	17
18 Millwall	16	3	4	1	16	11	1	3	4	7	13	19	23
19 Oldham	16	4	2	2	13	9	1	2	5	8	13	19	21
20 Portsmouth	16	2	3	3	9	11	2	4	2	10	10	19	19
21 Burnley	16	1	5	2	8	9	3	2	3	6	9	19	14
22 Bristol C	16	2	3	3	5	10	2	1	5	7	11	16	12
23 West Brom	16	3	2	2	6	6	0	3	6	6	17	14	12
24 Notts Co	16	1	4	3	10	14	1	1	6	8	14	11	18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Huddersfld	16	6	1	1	18	9	4	3	1	19	14	34	37
2 Oxford Utd	16	6	2	0	15	6	4	2	2	16	11	34	31
3 Birmingham	16	5	2	1	19	6	4	3	1	11	6	32	30
4 Hull	16	6	0	2	18	6	3	3	2	12	14	30	30
5 Wycombe	16	5	2	1	12	6	4	1	3	12	14	30	24
6 Blackpool	16	6	1	1	15	11	3	1	4	13	12	29	28
7 Stockport	16	5	0	3	14	10	4	1	3	14	12	28	28
8 Wrexham	16	5	2	1	15	8	2	3	3	11	12	26	26
9 Bradford	16	4	1	3	12	11	4	1	3	14	14	26	26
10 Brentford	16	4	0	4	10	8	4	1	3	13	8	25	23
11 Crewe	16	4	1	3	15	14	3	1	4	13	20	23	28
12 Bristol R	16	4	4	0	20	9	1	4	3	4	7	23	20
13 Peterboro	16	2	3	3	10	14	4	2	2	10	10	23	24
14 Swansea	16	2	4	2	5	6	3	3	2	14	11	22	19
15 York	16	4	2	2	15	9	1	3	4	6	10	20	21
16 Rotherham	16	4	1	3	12	12	1	2	5	7	12	18	19
17 Brighton	16	3	4	1	7	4	1	2	5	7	17	18	14
18 Shrewsbury	16	3	3	2	16	12	1	1	6	6	10	16	22
19 Cardiff	16	2	2	4	10	10	2	2	4	12	16	16	22
20 Plymouth	16	1	2	5	5	18	3	1	4	11	13	15	16
21 L Orient	16	4	2	2	11	8	0	0	8	5	17	14	16
22 Cambridge	16	3	2	3	14	13	0	2	6	3	14	13	17
23 Chester	16	2	2	4	9	13	0	1	7	2	13	9	11
24 Bournemth	16	2	1	5	9	16	0	1	7	4	19	8	13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Bury	15	7	1	1	14	4	5	0	1	12	1	37	26
2 Carlisle	15	7	1	0	17	4	4	2	1	13	8	36	30
3 Doncaster	15	5	2	0	14	4	4	2	2	12	7	31	26
4 Barnet	15	3	3	1	15	8	5	1	2	9	9	28	24
5 Walsall	15	4	1	2	15	8	2	5	1	9	8	24	24
6 Colchester	15	4	1	3	11	14	3	2	2	9	9	24	20
7 Chesterfield	15	3	3	2	5	3	4	0	3	12	12	24	17
8 Torquay	15	4	3	1	16	11	2	1	4	7	10	22	23
9 Scunthorpe	15	3	2	3	11	8	3	2	2	10	9	22	21
10 Rochdale	15	3	1	3	12	12	3	1	4	12	22	20	24
11 Lincoln	15	4	2	2	13	9	2	0	5	7	10	20	20
12 Fulham	15	2	2	3	10	8	3	3	2	8	10	20	18
13 Darlington	15	3	2	3	12	12	2	2	3	6	6	19	18
14 Mansfield	15	2	2	4	7	8	3	1	3	11	10	18	18
15 Exeter	15	4	2	2	10	12	1	1	5	2	12	18	12
16 Preston	15	1	0	4	6	7	4	2	4	12	13	17	18
17 Gillingham	15	3	2	2	9	8	1	1	6	9	17	15	18
18 Northamptn	15	2	2	3	6	7	0	6	2	6	8	14	12
19 Hereford	15	2	2	4	6	11	1	2	4	8	14	13	14
20 Hartlepool	15	3	1	4	7	9	0	3	4	2	8	13	9
21 Scarboro	15	1	2	4	7	10	2	1	5	6	14	12	13
22 Wigan	15	1	1	5	9	13	2	0	6	6	15	10	17

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	12	5	0	1	12	3	3	1	2	11	7	25	+13
2 Motherwell	12	3	3	0	13	9	3	2	1	10	7	23	+7
3 Hibernian	12	4	2	0	14	4	1	4	1	2	3	21	+9
4 Falkirk	12	3	2	1	7	6	2	2	2	10	10	19	+1
5 Celtic	12	2	2	2	6	7	2	3	1	8	6	17	+1
6 Hearts	12	4	0	2	9	4	1	1	4	5	11	16	-1
7 Dundee Utd	12	2	3	1	6	5	1	0	5	4	14	12	-9
8 Aberdeen	12	2	3	1	12	9	0	2	4	5	10	11	-2
9 Kilmarnock	12	2	2	2	5	5	0	2	4	3	11	10	-8
10 Partick	12	1	1	4	6	9	1	1	4	3	11	8	-12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dunfermline	12	5	1	0	15	3	2	4	0	11	7	26	+16
2 Airdrie	11	2	4	0	3	0	3	2	0	11	5	21	+9
3 Dundee	11	4	2	0	13	6	2	1	2	8	10	21	+5
4 Clydebank	12	3	2	1	11	4	1	2	3	4	9	16	+2
5 Raith	12	1	4	1	9	9	2	2	2	8	5	15	+1
6 St Johnstn	11	2	2	1	8	4	1	3	2	5	8	14	+1
7 St Mirren	12	2	1	3	6	7	0	5	1	6	8	12	-3
8 Hamilton	12	2	2	2	7	11	0	3	3	3	10	11	-10
9 Ayr	12	2	3	1	10	9	0	1	5	1	11	10	-9
10 Stranraer	11	1	2	2	3	4	0	0	6	2	12	5	-9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Berwick	12	5	1	0	9	4	2	2	2	14	14	24	+5
2 Stirling	12	3	1	2	9	5	3	0	3	9	11	19	+2
3 Greenock M	12	4	1	1	11	4	2	0	4	5	10	19	+2
4 East Fife	12	2	1	3	12	12	3	2	1	6	4	18	+2
5 Stenhsmuir	12	2	4	0	7	3	2	2	2	8	10	18	+2
6 Clyde	12	2	2	2	12	9	3	0	3	5	6	17	+2
7 Dumbarton	12	3	1	2	6	5	2	1	3	7	10	17	-2
8 Queen of S	12	3	0	3	13	11	1	3	2	3	6	15	-1
9 Meadowbnk	12	2	0	4	5	5	2	1	3	9	10	10	-1
10 Brechin	12	1	1	4	7	12	1	1	4	4	10	8	-11

Meadowbank deducted 3 points for fielding an ineligible player

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Forfar	12	5	1	0	11	3	3	0	3	6	8	25	+6
2 Montrose	12	4	1	1	12	5	3	2	1	11	6	24	+12
3 E Stirling	12	3	1	2	14	9	3	2	1	12	8	21	+9
4 Alloa	12	2	2	2	7	7	4	1	1	15	8	21	+7
5 Caledonian	12	2	2	2	11	13	4	1	1	10	6	21	+3
6 Cowdenbth	12	2	2	2	10	9	4	0	2	13	8	20	+6
7 Ross Co	12	2	1	3	13	14	2	2	2	7	6	15	0
8 Queen's Pk	12	2	0	4	6	10	1	2	3	10	10	11	-4
9 Arbroath	12	0	1	5	2	11	2	0	4	11	19	7	-17
10 Albion	12	1	0	5	8	17	0	1	5	3	15	4	-21

NON-LEAGUE AND REGIONAL LEAGUES

NORTHERN PREM

Premier division: Barrow 1 Hyde 1. Chorley 1 Bishop Auckland 1. Droylsden 1 Boston United 0. Frickley 2 Knowsley 2. Gainsborough 0 Accrington Stanley 1. Guiseley 1 Witton 1. Marine 1 Buxton 1: Morecambe 2 Emley 1; Spennymoor 5 Colwyn Bay 2; Winsford 2 Horwich 3. Postponed: Matlock v Whitley Bay.

First division: Atherton 6 Workington 1. Blyth 0 Eastwood 0. Caernarfon 0 Gretna 0: Curzon Ashton 1 Bamber Bridge 5. Farsley 2 Netherfield 1. Goole 2 Fleetwood 3. Great Harwood 2 Alfreton 1. Lancaster 1 Harrogate 0: Mossley 1 Warrington 2. Worksop 4 Ashton United 2.

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	20	16	4	0	42	13	52
Morecambe	17	13	2	2	40	17	41
Guiseley	15	10	5	0	33	18	35
Bishop A	16	10	1	5	33	17	31
Barrow	18	9	2	7	37	29	29
Boston	17	7	5	5	31	20	26
Colwyn B	17	8	1	8	36	34	25
Buxton	19	7	4	8	25	27	25
Witton	20	5	10	5	22	27	25
Spennymoor	16	7	3	6	29	26	24
Winsford	19	6	6	7	32	30	24
Emley	17	6	4	7	30	33	22
Horwich	18	6	2	10	28	33	20
Gainsborough	15	5	4	6	30	25	19
Knowsley	15	4	7	4	27	28	19
Chorley	16	5	4	7	25	35	19
Hyde	14	4	4	6	21	25	16
Accrington S	17	3	6	8	17	32	15
Frickley	17	3	5	9	20	33	14
Droylsden	17	3	4	10	20	42	13
Whitley B	17	2	5	10	18	37	11
Matlock	15	3	0	12	16	30	9

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Burton 2 Rushden and Diamonds 2. Cambridge City 0 Cheltenham 1. Chelmsford 5 Corby 0. Dorchester 5 Crawley Town 2. Gloucester 1 Worcester 2. Halesowen 4 Solihull 2. Leek Town 1 Hednesford Town 3. Sittingbourne 0 Gresley Rovers 0. Sudbury Town 0 Atherstone 2. Trowbridge 0 Hastings 0. VS Rugby 0 Gravesend and Northfleet 2.

Midland division: Armitage 0 Buckingham 4. Bedworth 3 Sutton Coldfield 1. Bilston 0 Rothwell 2. Hinckley 1 Newport 5. Ilkeston 1 Stourbridge 1. Leicester 1 Grantham 2. Moor Green 1 Evesham 0. Nuneaton 4 Dudley 1. RC Warwick 2 Redditch 2. Tamworth 2 Bridgnorth 6.

Southern division: Bashley 6 Fareham 0. Burnham 1 Braintree 3. Bury 0 Weymouth 2. Clevedon 3 Witney 0. Erith and Belvedere 2 Yate 2. Fisher 0 Havant 1. Margate 0 Salisbury 2. Newport 0 Baldock 1. Waterlooville 0 Weston super Mare 2. Wealdstone 3 Tonbridge 2.

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford T	13	9	4	0	30	12	31
Cheltenham	12	9	1	2	34	9	28
Worcester	13	7	3	3	16	7	24
Dorchester	11	7	2	2	24	14	23
Leek Town	12	6	3	3	24	14	21
Burton	12	6	3	3	21	18	21
Gloucester	9	6	2	1	15	7	20
Chelmsford	10	5	3	2	18	8	18
Rushden & D	11	5	2	4	26	21	17
Halesowen	14	4	4	6	30	29	16
Sudbury T	13	4	4	5	13	25	16
Solihull	10	4	3	3	12	17	15
Atherstone	13	3	4	6	13	16	13
Gresley R	10	3	2	5	14	17	11
Trowbridge	11	2	5	4	10	13	11
Cambridge C	10	3	2	5	9	14	11
Crawley T	14	3	2	9	19	37	11
Hastings	9	2	4	3	9	13	10
VS Rugby	12	2	4	6	9	15	10
Gravesend & N	9	2	3	4	8	13	9
Sittingbourne	13	2	3	8	10	22	9
Corby	12	1	1	10	11	38	4

DIADORA LEAGUE

Premier division: Aylesbury 3 Harrow 0; Bromley 3 Wokingham 1. Chesham 3 Hendon 1: Dulwich 4 Walton and Hersham 3. Grays 1 Yeading 3. Hayes 0 Hitchin 0, Marlow 2 Enfield 2: Molesey 1 Kingstonian 2. Purfleet 4 Carshalton 4; Slough 1 St Albans 1. Sutton United 5 Bishop's Stortford 0.

First division: Aldershot 0 Haybridge S 1; Barking 2 Basingstoke 0. Berkhamsted 2 Tooting 1; Billericay 1 Leyton 0: Bognor 1 Ruislip 1. Boreham Wood 4 Maidenhead 2; Chertsey 3 Wembley 3: Dorking 1 Staines 5. Uxbridge 1 Newbury 1. Whyteleafe 2 Abingdon 0. Worthing 4 Wivenhoe 1. Second division: Bracknell 1 Thame 2: Chalfont St Peter 1 Croydon 3: Edgware 5 Cheshunt 2: Hampton 3 Banstead 4: Hemel 0 Malden 2: Hungerford 3 Leatherhead 3: Oxford C 3 Aveley 1: Ware 3 Saffron Walden 1. Windsor 3 Witham 2. Abandoned: Egham v Tilbury. Third division: Bedford 1 Camberley 0. Clapton 6 Feltham 0: Cove 3 Hornchurch 1. East Thurrock 0 Harefield 3. Epsom 1 Leighton 1. Flackwell 1 Hertford 2. Harlow 1 Northwood 5. Kingsbury 1 Collier Row 2: Southall 4 Lewes 1

Premier div	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Slough	14	8	5	1	27	17	29
Hayes	11	8	3	0	20	6	27
Aylesbury	12	7	3	2	24	11	24
Enfield	14	6	5	3	34	18	23
St Albans	13	6	5	2	35	29	23
Harrow	14	7	1	6	23	22	22
Chesham	14	6	3	5	30	21	21
Bromley	14	5	6	3	25	20	21
Purfleet	12	6	2	4	26	25	20
Grays	16	4	8	4	21	23	20
Carshalton	15	6	2	7	27	32	20
Yeading	13	5	4	4	28	23	19
Sutton Utd	14	4	5	5	22	19	17
Kingstonian	14	4	4	6	23	22	16
Hendon	14	4	4	6	24	24	16
B Stortford	14	4	4	6	19	32	16
Molesey	14	4	3	7	17	24	15
Dulwich	12	3	4	5	20	29	13
Walton & H	10	2	4	4	14	19	10
Marlow	15	2	4	9	17	33	10
Hitchin	12	1	6	5	12	20	9
Wokingham	11	1	1	9	10	29	4

MINOR LEAGUES

FA VASE: First round: Brook House 0; Royston 2

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold 2 Pontefract 0. Ashfield 5 Pickering 0. Brigg 1 North Ferriby 0. Glasshoughton 2 Ossett Albion 0. Liversedge 1 Hucknall 3. Maltby 1 Sheffield 1. Ossett Town 1 Lincoln United 2. Stocksbridge 2 Denaby 0. Thackley 2 Armthorpe 2

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 7 Crediton 0. Bristol Manor Farm 1 Odd Down 1: Chippenham 2 Bideford 1. Elmore 2 Paulton 0. Liskeard 5 Calne 2. Mangotsfield 0 Taunton 1. Tiverton 3 Saltash 0. Westbury 0 Torrington 0.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham 0 Halstead 2: Felixstowe 0 Diss 2. Great Yarmouth 4 Chatteris 1. March 2 Hadleigh 2. Lowestoft 2 Newmarket 1. Stowmarket 1 Haverhill 0. Sudbury 4 Histon 1. Tiptree 3 Wroxham 1: Watton 1 Harwich Parkeston 5 Wisbech 3 Cornard 2. Woodbridge 1 Soham 1

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chadderton 2 Glossop North End 2. Darwen 1 Bootle 1. Kidsgrove 1 Trafford 3; Maine Road 6 Newcastle 2. Nantwich 1 Clitheroe 2; Prescot 0 Rossendale 0. Salford 1 Eastwood 2. St Helens Town 2 Blackpool 3 Postponed: Bacup v St Helens. Bradford Park Avenue v Holker Old Boys. Trophy: Ashton Town 1 Flixton 0. Stantondale 3 Oldham 2

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Consett 1 Dunston FB 2. Ferryhill Athletic 0 RTM Newcastle 3; Guisborough 4 Eppleton 0; Murton 3 West Auckland 2; Seaham Red Star 1 Billingham Synthnia 5.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charlton 2 West Ham 2; Ipswich 0 Gillingham 2; Leyton Orient 2 Millwall 3; Norwich 1 Tottenham 2; QPR 4 Portsmouth 0; Southend 1 Fulham 2; Watford 2 Arsenal 3. Second division: Brentford 3 Luton 1; Bristol City 4 Brighton 0; Bristol Rovers 0 Oxford United 3, Swindon 9 Wycombe Wanderers 0; Wimbledon 5 Reading 2.

UNIJET SUSSEX LEAGUE: John O'Hara Cup: Second round: Storrington 2 Three Bridges 4.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division Cup: Second round: Canterbury 1 Faversham 2: Chatham 0 Deal 1. Corinthian 3 Crockenhill 0; Folkestone Invicta 1 Herne Bay 0; Greenwich Borough 2 Dartford 6; Tunbridge Wells 4 Beckenham 1; Whitstable 2 Slade Green 0.

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon 1 Fairford 2; Almondsbury 4 Moreton 2; Bicester 1 Cinderford 2; Brackley 0 Swindon Supermarine 1; Highworth 0 Tuffley Rovers 0. Kintbury Rangers 0 Carterton 1, North Leigh 1 Cirencester 6; Shortwood 2 Banbury 3. First division: Cheltenham Saracens 2 Milton 3. Cirencester 0 Lambourn 4: Clanfield 1 Easington Sports 3. Hallen 4 Bishops Cleeve 2; Headington Amateurs 5 Yarnton 2: Kidlington 0 Ardley 5; Purton 2 Wallingford 1, Rayners Lane 7 Letcombe 2: Wantage 5 Wootton Bassett 1

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blisworth 2 Higham 3, Bugbrooke 2 St Ives 2; Cottingham 0 Niplon Vanald 3; Daventry 0 Shambrook 2, Ford Sports 4 British Timken 1. Ilchester 1 Burton P W 3. O N Chenecks 3 Whitworths 3; Olney 1 Thrapston 1.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Nottsborough 3 Wandsworth 0; St Mary's College 4 Mill Hill Village 1; Southgate County 0 O Grammarians 0; Witan 3 Parkfield 0 0. Second division: Corinthian Cas 0 Duncombe Sports 0, Ealing 2 O Bealonians 0; Honourable Artillery Company 3 UCL Academicals 1. Cup: Ulysses 4 Tansley 0.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning 6 Chertsey 1; Aloysians 2 Clapham 5. Danes 0 Hamptonians 2; Meadonians 1 Ignatians 0. First division: Kingsburians 2 Latymer 3; Salvatorians 0 Phoenix 2; Tiffinians 7 Edmontonians 1; Westhamians 0 Mill Hill 4. Southallians 1 Manorians 2; Camdenians 3 Tollingtonians 0; Enfield 8 John Fisher 1.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carthusians 4 Aldenhamians 0; Chigwellians 3 Malvernians 0. Reptonians 1 Etonians 1 First division: Ardinians 2 Wellensians 5; Foresters 4 Westminsters 1; Harrovians 4 Salopians 2; Wykehamists 1 Cholmeleians 3.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Civil Service 2 O Latymerians 1; Crouch End Vampires 4 NatWest Bank 1; Midland Bank 1 West Wickham 2; Norsemen 4 Winchmore Hill 1; South Bank 2 O Actonians 1. Second division: Carshalton 3 O Parkonians 0; Lloyds Bank 2 Broomfield 1. O Stationers 0 Kew Association 2; Polytechnic 3 Lensbury 1 Third division: Bank of England 0 Southgate Olympic 1; Barclays Bank 3 Brentham 1; O Lyonian 5 Ibis 3 Reigate Priory 3 Merton 3.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Brache Sparta 2 Shillington 0; Hoddesdon Town 0 Milton Keynes 1, Potters Bar Town 1 Arlesey Town 3. O'Brien Challenge Trophy: Second round: Tring Athletic 6 Letchworth 1; Bedford United 0 Dunstable Old Boys 2; Wingate and Finchley 6 Emberton 0; Harpenden 1 Hatfield 4; Buckingham 2 Langford 4

MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham 2 Broadwater United 0; Pitshanger 1 Northfield Cav 1; Southgate 4 Shamrock 3.

JOHN SMITH'S CENTRAL MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Case Sports 3 Newhall United 2; Clipstone Welfare 0 Mickleover Sports 1; Derby C & W 2 Mickleover RBL 0; Holbrook Miners Welfare 1 Kilmarsh Athletic 1; Derby RR 3 Mexborough Athletic 4; Nuthall 4 Blackwell MW 0; Shardlow St James 1 Radford 2.

SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Alvechurch Villa 2 Olton Royale 3; Ansells 0 Chelmsley Town 6; Highgate United 1 Handrahan Timbers 1; Kings Heath 2 Bloxwich Town 4; Sherwood Celtic 1 Studley BKL 5; Upton Town 2 Northfield Town 4; Wellesbourne 2 Shirley Town 4; West Midland Fire Service 2 Knowle 1.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Eton Wick 4 Sandhurst Town 2; Farnham Town 2 Horley Town 5; Hartley Wintney 2 Peppard 1; Merstham 2 Chipstead 3; Viking Sports 0 Bedfont 0. Postponed: Ash United v Cobham A.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham Town 0 Brimsdown Rovers 4; Beaconsfield Sycob 0 Hillingdon Borough 1; Croydon Athletic 2 Corinthian Casuals 0; Haringey Borough 1 Cockfosters 1: Walthamstow Pennant 1 Barkingside 2; Willesden 2 Tower Hamlets 0. First division: Bridon Ropes 2 Woolwich 6; Catford Wanderers 0 Tottenham Wine 3; Old Roan 4 Lewisham 0; Craven 2 Metpol Chigwell 2; Leyton County 1 Clapton Villa 4.

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ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Third round: Bangor City 2 Caernarfon 2; Caersws 4 Rhos Aelwyd 0, Cardiff Corries 0 Alan Lido 1; Carmarthen 2 Barry Town 3; Llandudno 3 Llangefni 0; Merthyr 5 Cwmbran 0; Risca 2 Pontypridd 0; Ton Pentre 2 Abergavenny 1.

P&J HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brora Rangers 3 Rothes 2; Buckie Thistle 2 Clachnacuddin 2; Cove Rangers 2 Lossiemouth 1; Forres Mechanics 0 Peterhead 3; Fraserburgh 1 Elgin 3; Huntly 4 Deveronvale 1; Nairn County 0 Keith 5; Wick Academy 1 Fort William 2.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Crusaders 1 Linfield 0; Larne 0 Glenavon 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Crusaders	8	6	2	0	23	10	20
Portadown	8	6	0	2	18	5	18
Glenavon	8	4	2	2	22	11	14
Glentoran	8	4	2	2	13	5	14
Linfield	8	4	1	3	17	10	13
Coleraine	8	3	4	1	17	14	13
Bangor	8	3	3	2	10	6	12
Carrick	8	3	3	2	20	20	12
Distillery	8	3	2	3	13	12	11
Ballymena	8	3	2	3	11	12	11
Cliftonville	8	3	2	3	9	10	11
Ards	8	2	3	3	10	13	9
Omagh Town	8	1	4	3	7	12	7
Newry	8	1	1	6	11	26	4
Larne	8	1	1	6	2	22	4
Ballyclare	8	1	0	7	6	19	3

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND. Premier division: Cobh Ramblers 1 Sligo Rovers 1; Galway 0 Dundalk 0; St Patricks 1 Shelbourne 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Shamrock R	12	6	4	2	19	11	22
St Patrick's	12	5	5	2	17	7	20
Cork City	11	6	2	3	22	17	20
Bohemians	12	5	3	4	20	13	18
Dundalk	12	5	3	4	8	11	18
Galway Utd	12	5	3	4	14	19	18
Derry City	11	4	4	3	10	10	16
Shelbourne	12	3	4	5	14	17	13
Cobh Ramblers	12	3	4	5	13	16	13
Monaghan Utd	11	2	4	5	8	12	10
Athlone Town	11	2	4	5	13	18	10
Sligo Rovers	12	2	4	6	10	17	10

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Presidential election offers turning point for a sport in decline

Barrington steps forward to save squash



David Miller finds a familiar figure with plans to restore the success he knew as Britain's best player



The look of steely determination is the same as when he was a player, but Barrington is planning to use his drive and passion at the head of the SRA. Photograph: Marc Aspland

'The buck has been passed all along the line, always finding scapegoats'

Once upon a time, not so many years ago, there was a new young sport growing faster than any in the country. A mushroom of three million players. Squash rackets.

It became a leisure cult, inspired by fitness freaks such as Jonah Barrington, a conventionally middle-class Englishman who nevertheless did not mind perspiring to the point of collapse, and Geoff Hunt, who was tough and very Australian.

Those in charge of the sport, who frequented gentlemanly clubs such as the RAC and the Lansdowne, wore blazers and striped ties and caught the 5.20 home to Surbiton, believing the rising sun would never set.

Indeed, they were so confident — seriously over-confident — that they supposed the sun would burn ever brighter with the emergence of new star players such as Qamar Zaman, Mohibullah Khan and the Pakistan boy wonder, Jahangir Khan. So they habitually re-elected themselves to the Squash Rackets Association (SRA), wholly unaware that, before the Eighties were over, the squash phenomenon at club level had blown itself out like a passing typhoon.

So badly did the men in blazers, with their honorary authority, miscalculate both the social changes swirling around them and the declining number of players — which they insisted to their friends and sponsors was increasing — that the commercial game fell headlong into financial crisis.

The SRA even accelerated that crisis by devising a self-funding scheme that was music to the ears of its paymaster, the Sports Council, schooled on Thatcherite self-help. The Sports Council delightedly and promptly docked the SRA £100,000 for 1994-95, with a further reduction for 1995-96, lowering the grant from over £300,000 to under £200,000.

Amid all this, the employed staff at the SRA were falling like flies: Bob Morris, the chief executive, left to become bursar at Framlingham School; Chris Gotla, Morris's successor, was dismissed within a year; Julie Goodacre, the assistant events manager promoted to executive director in place of Gotla, was dismissed after a year; Andrew Shelley, the events manager and director of development — internationally acclaimed — resigned after 18 years' service; Paul Wright, the national coach, resigned.

Re-enter the debonair yet still intense Barrington, limping a bit with arthritis, to challenge Sir Michael Edwardes, former automobile trouble-shooter, for the presidency of the SRA at this Saturday's annual meeting. Edwardes, far from shooting trouble in squash, has seemed not to notice there was any.

"The buck has been passed all along the line, always finding scapegoats," Barrington says, gesturing emphatically with that left hand that, under the tutorage of wise old Nazrullah Khan at the Lansdowne, pulped the little black ball with more skill and controlled frenzy than anyone in Britain had thought possible prior to his domination of the Sixties.

"The (SRA) executive committee have continually been nominating each other for re-election and Edwardes has endorsed their actions," Barrington laments. "The presidency is seen as titular, but Edwardes didn't perceive why he was appointed," — to lead — "and he doesn't feel responsible and so is standing again."

The buck being passed has been sizeable. Apart from the financial crisis, squash faces a critical image and recruitment problem in a sport and leisure recreation market no longer addicted to the competitive, kung fu concept of squash during its prime development years in the Sixties and Seventies.

While the SRA has still fondly believed, and propagated, the notion that there were three million playing the game, the reality is thought to be somewhere between 1.2 and 1.6 million. The rise and fall of squash courts tells the story.

In 1970, there were 3,000. By 1980 this had climbed to a spectacular 10,000, with a huge rise in commercial clubs and local authority facilities. A new clientele had discovered, invaded and enjoyed the game. Even at the Lansdowne, that privileged, private former mecca of the game, you could sadly no longer leave anything other than your shirt, trousers and shoes lying around the locker room.

Playing squash had become part of the temperamental aggression that pervaded the new yuppie era. For better or worse, all social barriers were down. The local or county league champion was now less likely to have an Oxbridge degree than tattoos on his forearm.

The men in blazers did not, or tried not, to notice. "Most squash officials wouldn't be seen dead at local authority centres," Barrington observes. The result was that the SRA's commercial failure led to a surge-reversal: a decline in participation, the reduction or closure of clubs and courts — especially commercial courts — in the face of emerging rivalry from other sports and a lessening of the pleasure-through-pain appeal of squash.

If squash courts were to hold their own, and survive financially, they had either to be part of a comprehensive private club with broad facilities or a leisure complex that offered gymnasium, aerobics and catering facilities.

By 1990, the number of courts had declined to 9,000 and, by this year, another 500 had gone. "Squash, as squash, can no longer meet the cost of buildings," Rex Guppy, the owner of one of the leading commercial clubs, says. As chairman of the commercially-orientated National Squash Federation (NSF), it is Guppy who has proposed Barrington as president.

"Squash is declining and it needs to get back on the front burner," Guppy says, referring to a strange paradox: as numbers grew, the standard rose, league competitions proliferated ... and increasingly there was less room on the courts for casual "hackers", who went off to other sports. Whereas the SRA was proclaiming three million players, in fact the numbers-per-court, the basis on which affiliation fees are paid, shrank from 125-per-court in 1970 to under 50 in 1994. The number of serious, as opposed to casual, players is perhaps just half a million.

The irony of the SRA's crisis is that the United Kingdom has 23 professionals ranked in the top 50 internationally and 50,000 league players, a position that moribund tennis can only observe in awe. The No 2 behind Jansher Khan is Peter Marshall, of England, with Peter Nicol, the Scot, at No 5.

Paul Turton, the chairman of the executive committee, who worked closely with Bob Morris, must carry some of the blame for any SRA shortcomings. The committee appointed Gotla, he approved Gotla's financial scheme, sacked him and appointed Goodacre; whom Turton then held responsible for not correcting a situation that was far beyond her control.

It was Turton's behaviour with Gotla that led to Barrington's intervention. Turton has meanwhile appointed an acting chairman, Clive Grimley, before resignation. Grimley is a candidate for chairman on Saturday against John Treharne.

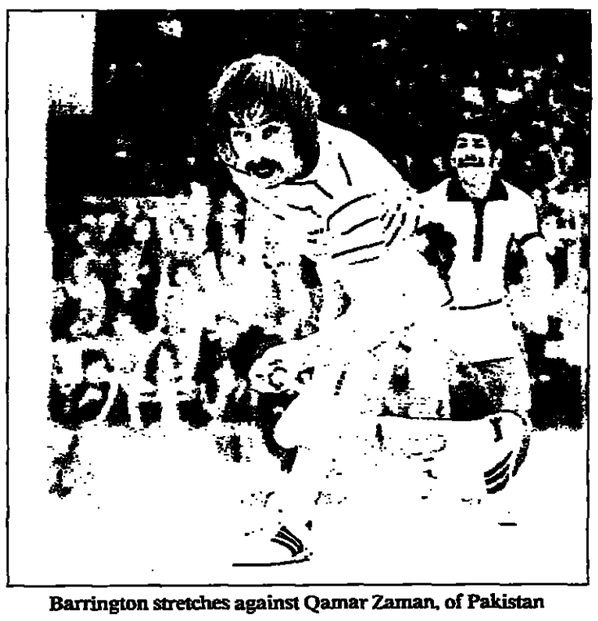
Barrington, 54, and now coaching the Dutch national team — something his opponents quaintly criticise — is determined that the SRA must erase its publicly perceived role of "them" and "us", the antagonism between the administration and the top players.

"The SRA missed the point that when squash boomed, it was not because of them but in spite of them. Maybe I helped to create the cult, but it was bound to level out, when other sports like jogging, dancing and gymnastics penetrated the catchment area. People were changing, but clubs didn't. We mirrored tennis, we weren't selling. I believe I was different as a player and I hope I will be different as president — but everyone must be involved in better communication."

Barrington's personality is as strong as it was in those days when he and Hunt — six years his junior — were battling for world supremacy. On those days when Barrington overcame his exceptional rival — notably the British Open of 1969 when, after 2¼ hours, Barrington won 9-4 in the fifth game — he did so by overpowering Hunt mentally. "I matched his mind," Barrington recalls with relish. It is mind that has been missing at the SRA.



Pupil and tutor, Barrington and Nazrullah



Barrington stretches against Qamar Zaman, of Pakistan

Apprentice Raúl provides sorcerer's show for Real

RAÚL of the Rovers was the toast of Spain yesterday (Edward Owen writes). An unknown apprentice footballer who joined the third team of mighty Real Madrid just two months ago made a sensational first-team appearance aged just 17 years and five months on Saturday night.

Raúl Gonzalez made the youngest-ever debut at the club's Bernabeu stadium where, in the local derby against Atlético Madrid, he set up two goals and scored a third in Real's 4-2 defeat of their biggest rivals before 105,000 spectators and a nationwide television audience.

"It was a dream," he said after the match. "I still have a lot to learn as a player and need further challenges." In the 20th minute he instigated a penalty. In the 25th, a pinpoint pass from the left found the head of Zamorano in the area, who scored. And in the 35th minute he hammered home a left-foot volley from ten yards.

By yesterday Raúl was able to read headlines like "Raúl Madrid" and "Raúl dynamites Atlético". Ironically, the youngster is the son of a plumber who lives in one of Madrid's poorest areas and is a lifelong supporter of Atlético.

Yesterday, Deportivo La Coruna showed flair in attack and power in defence to beat Real Sociedad 3-1 at home on Sunday and go back to the top of the Spanish first division. Goals from the captain, Fran Gonzalez, the Bulgarian striker, Emil Kostadinov, and the midfield player, Adolfo Aldana, were too much for Real, whose one success came from the Bosnian marksman, Meho Kodro.

Real Zaragoza, the leaders before this weekend's games on the strength of a 3-2 defeat of Real Madrid a week ago, were held to a goalless draw by the bottom club, Logrones, and slipped back to one point behind Deportivo, who have 16 from ten games. Real stay in third place after their victory, now one point closer to Zaragoza on 14 points.

The Italian league leaders, Parma, maintained their two-point advantage after a second-half goal from midfielder Massimo Crippa earned a 1-1 draw against the champions, AC Milan, at the San Siro.

Crippa finished off a rapid Parma counter-attack in the 75th minute with a close-range shot after Daniele Massaro had given Milan a 32nd minute lead with his first goal of the season. The result keeps Parma two points clear of Lazio — held to a scoreless draw by bottom-of-the-table Reggiana — and Fiorentina, 2-0 winners over Bari.

Third-placed Juventus were denied the chance to draw level with Parma when their late-night derby with Torino fell victim to the storms ravaging northern Italy. The match has been rescheduled for today.

Midfielder Sandro Cois gave Fiorentina the perfect start against Bari, with a headed goal in the sixth minute. Argentine Gabriele Batistuta sealed victory from the penalty spot in the 75th minute to keep up his remarkable record of scoring in every game this season.

Roma drew 1-1 against Napoli, who claimed a 38th minute lead through the French defender, Alain Boghossian.

Sampdoria's recent run of poor form continued when they had the playmaker, Sinisa Mihajlovic, sent off in a 2-0 defeat at Cremonese, for whom Andrea Tentoni and theSlovene, Matjaz Florijancic, were on target.

Ajax Amsterdam crushed Willem II Tilburg 4-1 to become the new leaders of the Dutch leagueon goal difference from Roda JC Kerkrade. Perennial rivals PSV Eindhoven and Feyenoord Rotterdam also won, but Ajax's away victory extended their unbeaten record and, with games in hand, they already hold a useful early-season edge over their main title challengers.

Portuguese table-toppers Sporting Lisbon's lead was cut to just a point — they were held to a 1-1 draw by Uniao da Madeira on Saturday — by nearest challengers Porto beat Guimaraes 3-0.

Airdrie revel in change of fortune

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

After around half an hour of this B&Q Cup final, in which Airdrie eventually defeated Dundee 3-2 in extra time at Perth's McDiarmid Park, a voice from the Tannoy instructed the owner of a Ford Orion to return to his vehicle. It was blocking a nearby car wash. This perhaps summed up the tone of the event.

A B&Q final may not bring the nation to a standstill, but it sure can paralyse a local business. In essence, barring a distasteful episode at full-time, this was a village fête of an occasion. And all the better for it. There are some sorts of satisfaction which finesse can never supply. For a really good belly laugh you require the kind of resounding clumsiness with which Graham Hay put through his own goal to give Dundee the first of their equalisers, in 41 minutes.

Morten Wieghorst slung the ball over from the right and as the goalkeeper, John Martin, waited to collect twelve yards out, Hay stepped in front of him. The defender's attempt to cushion the cross on his chest was so inept that it pinged the ball all the way towards the net. He might still have caught it, but, aghast at his error, froze for a fatal moment.

The Airdrie support at that end of the ground were in prime position to scrutinize the own goal with their practised stoicism. Supporting this club never has been for the faint-hearted. With grotesquely unfortunate defeats in a couple of recent semi-finals the word "vicissitude" is just routine vocabulary in Airdrie.

The fans' favourite song even suggests that allegiance might be a matter for regret. In full voice they are so many Elvis impersonators, crooning, "Wise men say only fools rush in, but I can't help falling in love with you." For some years the charm of Airdrie was not so much discreet as plain invisible.

While they were still attempting to scratch a living in the premier division, prior to relegation in 1993, the reputation was for bookings and boorishness. Airdrie have since had a much-praised conversion to the practice of passing the ball. For old times' sake, they did collect three of the seven bookings yesterday, but mostly, they applied science.

Their opening goal, in 28 minutes, came from Paul Harvey after he had worked a meticulous one-two with Alan Lawrence. That gaffe by Hay allowed Dundee to level but, after 62 minutes, the first hint came that it might be a matter for joshing rather than recrimination as Airdrie restored their lead.

Jimmy Boyle veered in from the left, was brought down by Paul Tosh, and got back up to blister the penalty into the net. Dundee, however, generally looked the more powerful team. It was therefore logical that they should equalise. George Shaw's bullish run on the right allowed him to crash over a low cross, in 76 minutes, which Gerry Britton drilled into the net. A match of great spirit and some flair had developed.

It is easy to decry this kind of competition, for which only clubs in the lower divisions enter, as a means of unearthing a winner among the game's natural losers. At McDiarmid Park, though, there was no cynicism in either of the teams or any of the surrounding stands.

Who can calculate what a role in this contest meant, for example, to Dundee's player-manager Jim Duffy? At 35 he was appearing in his very first Cup final. His devotion to football lurched into the ill-advised as long ago as 1986 when he suffered terrible damage to his knee in a freak accident at Ibrox and was advised to retire.

Duffy has since gone on to establish a reputation as one of the most reliable defenders in the country. Playing on is, he admits, an act of folly, but there is still nothing in life to replace the fulfilment he finds in tangling with forwards every weekend. The opportunity to strive for a Cup-winner's medal is not to be denied him.

At the other end of the age scale, Dundee's Neil McCann, at 20, had a suitable setting in which to demonstrate the sort of potential which is supposed to intrigue clubs such as Celtic and Aston Villa. As a player who was first noticed by a scout, eight years ago, in a match which his boys' team actually lost 10-2 McCann has long had a distinctive quality.

Although he grew ever more effective in extra time, it was Airdrie who, for once in their collective life, had the tiny piece of fortune needed to win a significant Cup-tie. Nine minutes from the end, the Dundee goalkeeper, Michel Pageaud, should have held a shot by the man-of-the-match, Paul Harvey, but it rebounded to the substitute, Andy Smith, who rammed the ball into the roof of the net.

A fortnight ago the Airdrie supporters had seen their side lose a Scottish Coca-Cola Cup semi-final to Raith Rovers on penalties at this ground. Yesterday, to their perplexed joy, the team at last got slightly lucky.

At full time, however, there was a crowd invasion and unseemly incidents as Airdrie supporters threatened Pageaud. One of the offenders was even chased, to no avail, by Duffy. Sadly, an investigation will follow after a match which should have been a matter for unmitigated celebration.

Gabbiadini provides measure of relief

DERBY COUNTY eased their relegation worries with a 1-0 win over Portsmouth in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division at Fratton Park yesterday. Marco Gabbiadini struck his fifth goal of the season to settle the issue in the 66th minute.

Portsmouth began brightly and Steve Sutton, the goalkeeper, alertly kept out Gerry Creaney's diving header. However, Derby began to take control and Gabbiadini wasted a chance after being put clear by Paul Simpson.

Eight minutes later he was found by Gary Charles and took the ball wide but fired wide of the post.

Subsequently, Simpson's cross was met by Martin Kuhl and, although the goalkeeper, Alan Knight, pushed the ball onto the bar, Gabbiadini pounced to find his target.

Creaney could have equalised two minutes later when he slipped two challenges, but Sutton deflected his shot. Gabbiadini had another chance with five minutes to play but was denied by Knight.

☐ Charlton Athletic have joined Reading in the race for Lee Chapman, of West Ham. The striker, 34, who has not been a regular since Harry Redknapp took over as manager at Upton Park, is seeking a move.

Criticism of touring team cast aside with destruction of Welsh club champions

Joubert puts might of Swansea to the sword



Gerald Davies witnesses a display of overwhelming power in a 78-7 victory for the South Africans

This match at Swansea and its extraordinary scoreline should help people to understand a good deal more about South Africa, not just its rugby, and Francois Pienaar's team in particular. It must be understood first that the Republic's outlook on the world, especially during the country's period of isolation, is that while it is in it, it is not entirely of it.

This condition is something their own history has imposed on South Africans and, since they did not seem in much of a hurry to change things, helped to set them apart. They have grown to understand seclusion. Inbuilt into this estrangement is what has come to be understood as the laager mentality, which echoes of an earlier internal struggle in the country's background: a defiant mood into which they will retreat when the going gets tough or when they feel there is resentment all around. Us against the world, it suggests.

This is a mood which the country's rugby fraternity well understands, never more so than in recent weeks in Wales when South Africa's most potent sporting symbol, as well as its obsession, has been under siege. The accusations about their rugby being dull and lacking inventiveness, while admitting praise only of their immense pack, have been trifling amid the chorus of complaints about the roughhouse matches they seem to encourage. These, to begin with, were either premature or not entirely accurate. The match last Wednesday, however, against Neath was a travesty.

From the insularity of a touring team, the world seemed to be gathering its forces against them. Something had to be done. They retreated to the laager.

If this does not always work, as it plainly did not in 1974 when Sid Millar's unbeaten Lions forced the Springboks to retire behind prison walls to train — and they still lost — on Saturday, against the Welsh club champions, the Springboks emerged in a blaze of glory. Whatever they may have dreamt during the previous two nights, they could not have imagined a more devastating riposte than this. It is but a hop and skip from Neath to Swansea but it might just as well have been a world away: from the disreputable to the magnificent, 72 easy hours.

Pienaar's men scored 12 tries. Eight of these — six of which were converted — were scored in a blistering period of 20 minutes after the interval with half a dozen of them inspired in their own half.

Joubert, who is having a marvellous tour, is the catalyst around whom so much happens in the threequarters. He scored four tries and collected 38 points, a South African tour match record.

The visiting team created so much space and support that Kitch Christie, the coach, said they seemed to have an extra man on the field. His players covered the ground more swiftly than they had done hitherto. None more so than Straeuli, Kruger and the captain, Pienaar, who formed a formidable back row.

To begin with they felt more at home. Gone was the rain. Gone was the heavy pitch. The sun may not have shone but the day was warm and the firm St Helen's pitch — "our" conditions, Christie said — was more to the liking of a team that included ten players from those provinces which play on a hard dry veld. They were able to run on top of the surface the way they do as a matter of course in the Transvaal and the Free State.

If this was a statement of intent from the South Africans, it served as a warning to Wales, Christie concluded. "These are the conditions in which the World Cup will be played," he said. "Wales will have to learn very quickly." That is not just a warning to Wales, I would have thought.

Swansea began as if they meant some real business. Jones probed at scrum half and Williams sneaked through a gap or two outside him. Their try, when it came in the eighteenth minute, was a very good one. Clement came down the middle, and his back row supported him before the movement restarted with Boobyer making the running. With an inside pass, he sent Simon Davies over for a try which Williams converted.

By half-time, Joubert, from a well-constructed move stemming from the back row, and Schmidt, from a drive at the lineout, had scored tries which, with Joubert's conversion, gave them the lead. There were signs of the South Africans growing dominant, but little hint of the havoc they were soon to wreak.

If the lineout, where Andrews dominated for the Springboks, was a failure for the home team, the significant difference for Mike Ruddock, the Swansea coach, lay elsewhere. It was to be found in the immense upper-body strength of the South Africans.

His back-row forwards quite often destroy their Heineken League opponents with their constant driving force. But here, Swansea resembled so many cartoon characters who crash into immovable machines and from which collision they slide carefully down in a heap, feeble and slack.

And try as they bravely might, they got no change from the granite men who faced them. To an overwhelming sense of disbelief, ten tries were scored in the second half against a team that has dominated the club scene in Wales during the past three years.

SCORERS: Swansea: Try: Simon Davies. Conversion: Williams. South Africans: Tries: Schmidt, Joubert (4), le Roux, Kruger, Straeuli, Hendriks (2), van der Westhuizen. Williams. Conversions: Joubert (5).

SWANSEA: A Clement (capt), Simon Davies, R Boobyer, D Weatherley, S Marshall; A Williams, R Jones; I Buckett, G Jenkins, K Colclough, A Reynolds, P Arnold, R Moriarty, R Appleyard, I Davies. Moriarty replaced by M Evans; 55min; Appleyard replaced by Stuart Davies; 63.

SOUTH AFRICANS: A Joubert; P Hendriks, J Mulder, P Muller, C Williams; H le Roux, J van der Westhuizen; P Du Randt, U Schmidt, T Laubscher, F Pienaar (capt), M Andrews, P Schutte, R Kruger, R Straeuli. Referee: S Hilditch.



Muller, the South African centre, bursts past the Swansea No 8, Ian Davies, at St Helen's on Saturday. Photograph: Barry Batchelor

Carling expects Romania to raise standard

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

ROMANIA'S unexpectedly lacklustre performance against Oxford University on Saturday left England in a cleft stick when they trained at Twickenham yesterday. Clearly they seek meaningful opposition in their first international of the season, against the Romanians next Saturday, yet public expectation now will be of an overwhelming victory.

Will Carling, the captain, expects a completely different display from Romania, who lost to Oxford 26-16. "They have come over here to play an international and a game at Oxford University — with all due respect — isn't going to get their adrenalin flowing," Carling said.

Yet Jack Rowell, the team manager, acknowledges that Oxford's win demands that England play well. "We have picked our strongest side, with the possible exception of Dean Richards, and no matter who we play next week, we have to rebound from that second-Test defeat in South Africa," Rowell said.

The Romanian team which played on Saturday was off key with low motivation. That Oxford beat them was an extremely good performance but it puts pressure on England."

Carling was unable to take a full part in training, having exacerbated an ankle injury during Harlequins' league defeat by Gloucester on Saturday. He will have to demonstrate his fitness when England reassemble on Wednesday, as will Dewi Morris, who came off with a badly bruised shin during Orrell's defeat by Wasps and could not train yesterday. Both are expected to play but if they cannot, Phil de Glanville (Bath) and Kyran Bracken (Bristol) will replace them.

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Morris's loss was Steve Bates's gain yesterday, the Wasps scrum half joining the England team. Matthew Dawson's hamstring injury while playing for Northampton against West Hartlepool means that Bates will come onto the replacements bench at Twickenham next Saturday if required.

But that alone emphasises the limitations of this England squad, which are acute in certain positions. Rowell acknowledges that the experience of his forwards bears no resemblance to that of the pack which went into the 1991 World Cup and that, critically, he needs to establish his best back row and his best fullback, a position around which so many attacking moves can be based.

"Paul Hull rightly gets first chance there, after his displays in South Africa," Rowell said, but his need for a strike runner has to be balanced by the requirement for a back-up goalkicker. "We hope Rob Andrew will be lead kicker and will be successful," he added.

Oxford University's win added another notable scalp to their already impressive list this season. They outplayed and outwitted the touring side and the ten-point margin of victory was fully justified, a credit to their invention on a day when handling was difficult.

SCORERS: Oxford University. Tries: Joy, Nolan. Conversions: Rees (2). Penalty Goals: Rees (3). Dropped goal: Rees. Romania. Try: Oroianu. Conversion: Ivanciuc. Penalty goals: Ivanciuc (2). Dropped goal: Ciocu.

Ireland mislay game plan with time running out

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From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
in Dublin

THE American Eagles are in Ireland making a statement of intent. They have the time to do so. Ireland, little more than six months away from the World Cup, do not and will, therefore, regret their missed opportunity at Lansdowne Road on Saturday when, by their own admission, they did not play the game they had planned.

Victory by two goals and four penalty goals to a goal, a try and a penalty in this international, sponsored by Irish Permanent, contained little of the purpose or precision which might frighten the other occupants of their World Cup group, which is scarcely a meeting of equals — New Zealand on the one hand, Ireland, Wales and Japan on the other.

Unless they can organise a further game — and they expect to hear today that Romania cannot accommodate a visit to Bucharest at the turn of the year — Ireland's next opposition is England in January. Their selectors may use the Combined Provinces game with South Africa on November 29 in Belfast to try their emerging talent, but Noel Murphy, the manager, lamented the lack of time his coaches can spend with players.

Mullin's return lasted less than half the match, the centre leaving with a thigh strain in the wake of the only significant back move prior to the interval. The threatened lineout superiority never materialised and far too much of the game was played close to the excellent American back row, whereas the intention had been a wider game, using the pace of the wings and the supportive Corkery.

Jack Clark, the Eagles coach, described it as a "mushy game" and accepted that the result flattered his team. The Eagles will not be in South Africa next year and are committed to improvement for 1999. The more fluent the game became, the better they looked.

One pushover try taken by Bradley and one genuine moment of class created by Bell's left-to-right incursion and Geoghegan's finishing was scant return for Ireland, though if the goalkicking in the first half had been as accurate as it was in the second, the launching pad of confidence for something better might have been built.

Ireland led only 9-3 at the interval. No sooner had Bradley scored than the Americans created some decent driving play, Lyle ran a tapped penalty into the corner and little Anitoni dabbed down the try.

Geoghegan scored his seventh international try to put Ireland well clear but the Eagles finished strongly: Leversee, James and Lyle led the charge and Bachelet pivoted at a ruck to score by the posts.

SCORERS: Ireland: Tries: Bradley, Geoghegan Conversions: McGowan 2 Penalty goals: McGowan (3) O'Shea. United States: Tries: Anitoni, Bachelet Conversion: Williams. Penalty goal: Williams.

IRELAND. C M P O'Shea (Lansdowne), S P Geoghegan (Bath), B J Mullin (Blackrock College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), J C Bell (Ballymena), A N McGowan (Blackrock College), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain) N J Popplewell (Wasps), K G M Wood (Garryowen), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), P T O'Hara (Cork Constitution), G M Fulcher (Cork Constitution), N P J Francis (Old Belvedere), D Corkery (Cork Constitution) P S Johns (Dungannon) Mullin replaced by N G Malone (Leicester, 40 min), Bradley replaced by A C Rolland (Blackrock College, 74), Johns replaced by M J Galwey (Shannon 51)

UNITED STATES. M K Saka (Rhinos), C J Schlereth (St Louis Bombers), R Green (University of California), T Z Takau (Rhinos) V N Anitoni (Olympic) M A Williams (Gentlemen of Aspen), A Bachelet (Old Blues, captain), C Lippert (OMBAC), T W Billups (Old Blues) D W James (Old Blues), D J Lyle (Aspen), W N Leversee (OMBAC), R R Randell (United) R Tardits (Mystic River), R A Lumikong (Old Blues) Referee: J-L Rolandi (Argentina).

Bristol emerge from doldrums as Tainton charts winning course

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By John Hopkins

ALL is shipshape at Bristol. It may not have been in previous weeks after they had lost three league games in succession — two of them by a total of three points — but it is now after Leicester were beaten for the first time this season. Bristol reduced Leicester to arguing grumpily with the referee and throwing the ball around wildly.

As Bristol roused themselves with an imperious spell in the second half, during which Mark Tainton kicked 18 points in 22 minutes, one was reminded of their first Courage Clubs Championship game of the season, against Bath. It was Sky Sports's first live televised game and the hype was long and loud. Bath's forwards were running scared of the big Bristol pack, apparently.

In fact Bristol's pack could not live up to their billing. And perhaps they could not in the 47-11 away defeat by West Hartlepool. But they certainly could on Saturday.

All over the country these days — even at Gloucester — you can see forwards and backs doing each other's jobs as running rugby gains a hold. For all that, it took the boot of Mark Tainton, their stand-off, to convert Bristol's superiority into the points that gave them the lead after 54 minutes and enabled them to keep it.

Tainton played a blinder. He kicked seven penalties from nine attempts, one conversion and dropped one goal, these from all over the field, equalling the league record and the club record.

Tainton has worked for three or four years with David Alred, a kicking expert, and had a practise session with him on Saturday morning. "I try always to have the same routine unless I am right in front of the posts when I just step back and whack it," Tainton said.

"I slow myself down and I block everything out of my mind. I take three steps back and three steps to the left, so I am coming at the ball almost from 45 degrees. I pause, and visualise the ball going straight between the posts. I picture the precise point of the ball I want to kick. Then I kick."

Tainton, a 12-handicapper, read a golf instruction book last year and was struck by the similarities between goalkicking and the golf swing. "Rhythm is so important in both, isn't it? I try and drive down on the ball, just as you do in golf."



Tainton: equalled record

Three weeks ago Harlequins collapsed against Leicester when Brian Moore, their captain, left the field. Afterwards, Ian Smith, Leicester's coach, said his men always responded when Dean Richards was missing because they redoubled their efforts to compensate.

It did not take long for those words to come home to roost. Richards was gardening on Friday afternoon when the branch of a holly bush sprang back into his left eye. He received medication from the club doctor but withdrew an hour before kick-off. Dangerous game, gardening. Rugby is much safer. You can only have your head trampled on at a ruck and your eyes gouged in a maul. Nothing serious at all.

Without their captain and talisman, Leicester were indisciplined. Richards, discoloured left eye and all, was watching from the stand and must have been frustrated at the way Bristol took a grip in the second half. Leicester led by nine points with 36 minutes left yet lost by nine.

Even in the eye of the storm, when Bristol went from nine points behind to nine points ahead, Leicester ought to have had better self-control. They need to address this problem if they are to maintain their challenge to Bath.

SCORERS: Bristol: Try: G Sharp. Conversion: Tainton. Penalty goals: Tainton (7). Dropped goal: Tainton. Leicester: Try: Tarbuck. Conversion: Harris. Penalty goals: Harris (4). Dropped goal: Harris.

BRISTOL: P Hull; G Sharp, R Knibbs, D Wring, D John; M Tainton, K Bracken; A Sharp, M Regan, D Hinkins, B Armstrong, S Shaw, A Blackmore, D Eves, I Patten.

LEICESTER: J Liley; S Hackney, D Edwards, S Potter, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; D Jelley, R Cockerell, D Gadsforth, J Wells, M Johnson, T Smith, N Back, G Tarbuck.

Referee: C Rees (London).

Berbizier's discipline lifts France into realm of favourites



Saint-Andre: spark

By Henri Bru

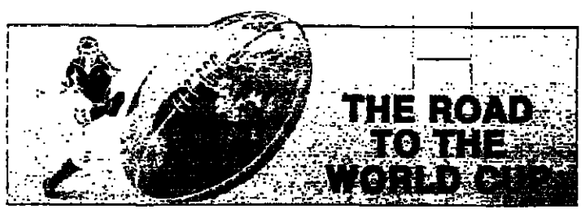
IT IS not only foreigners who sometimes find French rugby hard to understand. Here in France we can be as puzzled as anyone as we try to discover logic in the domestic game, but the fact remains that, seven months before the start of the 1995 World Cup, France are one of the favourites.

Do not look at the evidence of their recent results in the five nations' championship. France were not at their best in the winter, losing in Cardiff to Wales and to England for the seventh consecutive match. Nothing there to inspire you to rush out and put your francs on France.

Yet, in the past 12 months France have beaten New Zealand in Christchurch and Auckland; they have won an overseas series against South Africa; and they have shared a series at home against Australia. Hence the belief that the France are at their best after four weeks on tour and shaky when they have only three days' preparation.

That is strange, for the French were known during the Fouroux era as average touring players. Even stranger for those who saw Gregoire Lascube and Vincent Moscato take an early shower at the Parc des Princes against England in 1992, is the thought that France now appear to be one of the most-disciplined teams in the world. Controversy has passed them by, even if Philippe Sella was sent off against Canada. It was the only dismissal of a busy summer.

The main protagonist in France's improvement has been Pierre Berbizier, the youngest coach in international rugby, who had a mountain to climb when he took over from Daniel Dubroca after the 1991 World Cup. Torn apart by infighting, French rugby was so



disorganised that Argentina won at Nantes in November 1992.

Since then, stone by stone, Berbizier has built an edifice that encourages hope of an authoritative World Cup performance. A disciplinarian as a player, Berbizier is developing into a great coach, asking more from his players than any of his predecessors.

He has stated clearly what he seeks from the national team, even if it means he is at odds with the leading clubs. His squad is not the most gifted put together by French rugby — you do not easily replace players such as Serge Blanco, Patrice Lagisquet or Berbizier himself — but he has learnt from his selection mistakes.

He has worked on the weaknesses while emphasising, when appropriate, the historical strengths. His main achievement is forcing other countries to change their approach against France. Once opponents would pressurise the French and wait for the mistakes; now only England can do that.

But even with discipline and fewer stars, the sparkle remains. Those who were at Christchurch on June 26 might have thought France and New Zealand had swapped jerseys; at one stage the French led 22-3. And the spark is epitomised by Philippe Saint-Andre, the captain.

He is not the most elegant of players, but he dares. From his own in-goal area, where he started the try against the All Blacks he later described as coming "from the end of the world", he symbolises the new spirit of the team. By his side is the huge figure of Sella, 33 next February, with more than 100 caps and still an enthusiastic youngster.

Watch out, too, for Emile N'Tamack, the wing from Toulouse who impressed, among others, Stu Wilson, formerly New Zealand's record try-scorer, who knows a bit about wing play. N'Tamack is not the finished article but he is a match-winner. So, too, is Christophe Deylaud, who could become France's key player. He can use his hands, his feet and, most importantly, his head, at stand-off half, which has been so troubled a position in the past few years.

Still, you feel the World Cup may be decided by the back rows. Abdelatif Benazzi, with his sheer athleticism; Philippe Benetton, the all-rounder; and the peerless Laurent Cabannes did wonders in New Zealand as a unit. Berbizier will pray every day that they avoid injury, because the gap behind them is wide.

Will France's long home season wreck his prayers? The French coach looks with envy at the shorter playing programme of his main international opponents — and crosses his fingers.

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Irresistible Australia level series as Hanley's plan to contain is ripped apart

Britain defenceless against Stuart's guile

Great Britain 8
Australia 38

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AFTER meeting triumph and disaster, how to treat those two imposters at Elland Road on Sunday week? Without panic, Ellery Hanley said, although beneath a haystack of points at Old Trafford on Saturday, the needle of hope was not immediately apparent.

The Great Britain rugby league coach did, however, take himself off to a darkened room following the worst hiding by Australia since the tours of 1982 and 1986. "I'll be going over the video four or five times," he said. "Until then, I cannot decide what is positive or negative."

It is to be hoped that Hanley does not have to wire the plug first. As magnificent as Britain were at Wembley, attempting the same tactics of defending for 80 minutes invited trouble, and against opponents intent on flicking their expansive game into gear, it brought the walls crashing down.

Not that the Ashes have quite turned to dust. But like Old Trafford, Leeds holds happy memories for the Kangaroos, and irresistible best describes their present mood.

At scrum half, Stuart's shrewd kicking and organisation in tandem with the irrepressible Fittler and the splendid Walters, cut Britain to pieces.

"I said beforehand that we were a lot better," Stuart said. "Now no one can argue. We've stuck down the lid of the coffin and now we want to bang in the nails."

Mal Meninga, once again the destroyer of British ambitions, blossomed in his dotage, and if encouragement could be extracted from a deep well of despair, it was that Garry Schofield, another who might have been pensioned off early, should start the third John Smith's international. His introduction in the second half got Britain ticking, albeit too late.



Daley breaks through the defence for one of Australia's six tries during the crushing victory against Great Britain at Old Trafford. Photograph: Marc Aspland

As Meninga observed, Schofield can create doubt in defenders' minds, and there were precious few of those on Saturday. Goulding got not so much as a fistful of Stuart's shirt, so Edwards, back from suspension, should renew his old half-back partnership. And, after Steadman's desperately unsteady time at full back, the need for Jonathan Davies to recover is imperative.

There was a precedent for changing a winning side and introducing the element of surprise. Hanley chose to stick by the players and methods that served him well a fortnight before, and Britain were hoist by their own petard. Newlove took the only try well and must also start in the back line, yet it is in the pack that the problems are most glaring. The experiment of Joynt at prop worked once but not twice. He and Harrison had a torrid time. Although a more combustible combination, Kelvin Skerrett, if fit, and McDermott, provided he can restrain his flying elbows, would be better suited to the heavy workload that the relentless Australian forwards impose.

Betts, Farrell and Clarke in the back row are Britain's best, but this was nowhere near good enough. Slack marking at the play-the-ball and Great Britain's struggle with the referee's rigorous policing of the ten-metre rule for the defending side, provided gaping holes that Australia's greater speed and outstanding support play exploited to devastating effect.

Just as fear of not letting one another down prompted the 12-man British rearguard at Wembley, the fear of failure spurred Australia; defeat would have brought ignominy. There was little euphoria afterwards, merely satisfaction at a job expertly done but tempered by the realisation that in this see-sawing series, another violent swing is possible.

For one who hails from Warrington, Bobby Fulton was entitled his Cheshire Cat grin. What Hanley would give for the changes he must make to work to such good effect as those the Australia coach had introduced.

Stuart's vision provided the attacking spread, Wishart's seven goals were not the least of his tireless contribution and Lazarus and Pay put punch and pace into an utterly dominant pack.

Most important, Australia's controlled possession was just about faultless. Fulton was anxious to keep feet firmly planted on the ground. "We've plenty of respect for Britain. They've still got tremendous players and what happened to them basically could have happened to us," he said.



Hanley: no panic

Offiah for his part showed a marked reluctance to get involved, and unless Britain let their greyhounds off the leash it is difficult to see anything other than them chasing Australia once more in 13 days.

It is ironic that the first occasion Britain threw off the cautionary strait-jacket, the turning point was reached. For 26 minutes, the game plan of containment had worked reasonably well, then Meninga stretched out a giant hand and Goulding watched incredulously as his long pass to Farrell was taken in thunderous strides 70 yards upfield, before Meninga, with Offiah on his back, squeezed out the scoring pass to Ettingshausen.

More depressing than that was Britain's reaction, as if their world had caved in at 4-6, which it did within nine more minutes.

Stuart's kick to the left corner was left by Britain and, in a flurry of passes, Clyde barged past Harrison.

Connolly, like Robinson, never gave up, but his try-saving tackle on Wishart was only the precursor to Fittler freeing Mullins.

Daley leaving Harrison flat-footed for a solo try early in the second half was reminiscent of the embarrassing years of the Eighties. Connolly grounding by the right flag and a Schofield interception were rightly disallowed. They were at least crumbs of comfort as first Renouf, then the long-striding Mullins, poured salt into the nastiest of wounds.

SCORERS: Great Britain: Try: Newlove. Goals: Goulding (2). Australia: Tries: Mullins (2), Ettingshausen, Clyde, Daley, Renouf. Goals: Wishart (7).

GREAT BRITAIN: G Steadman (Castleford); J Robinson (Wigan), G Connolly (Wigan), A Hunte (St Helens; sub: P Newlove, Bradford, 40min); M Offiah (Wigan); D Powell (Sheffield; sub: G Schofield, Leeds, 40); R Goulding (St Helens); K Harrison (Halifax), L Jackson (Sheffield), C Joynt (St Helens; sub: M Cassidy, Wigan, 56), D Betts (Wigan; sub: B McDermott, Wigan, 63), A Farrell (Wigan), P Clarke (Wigan).

AUSTRALIA: B Mullins (Canberra); A Ettingshausen (Cronulla), M Meninga (Canberra), S Renouf (Brisbane), R Wishart (Illawarra); L Daley (Canberra; sub: P Sironen, Balmain, 70), R Stuart (Canberra); G Lazarus (Brisbane), S Walters (Canberra), I Roberts (Manly; sub: G Florimo, North Sydney, 20); D Pay (Canterbury), B Clyde (Canberra), B Fittler (Penrith).

Referee: G Annesley (Australia)

Schofield enjoys a far better day at home

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

GARRY Schofield will almost certainly equal Mick Sullivan's record 46 international appearances for Great Britain on Sunday week in the stand-off half position, from where he scored two second-half tries for Leeds yesterday in the 42-16 defeat of Workington Town.

Schofield, who played as substitute for the first time in his international career on Saturday, found Workington far less troublesome opponents than Australia as Leeds moved into third place in the Stones Bitter Championship by easily maintaining their unbeaten home record.

For a brief period, Workington threatened a comeback following a spectacular 75-yard try by Des Drummond, the former Britain winger, but reduced to 11 players at one stage by injuries and the sin-binning of Colin Armstrong, they were overwhelmed as Alan Tait scored his second touchdown, followed by Jim Fallon, Richard Eyres, Gary Mercer and James Lowes.

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Bradford Northern, having lost their previous three matches, breathed some life into a faltering challenge and Sheffield Eagles caught the backlash with a 40-4 defeat at Odsal. Wigan's lead is reduced once more to two points, but Bradford have played two games more.

Once Mark Preston had broken the back of some stiff earlier resistance with a fine try, Halifax overwhelmed Oldham 34-8 and moved into fourth place on the strength of a seventh consecutive league victory since the arrival from Leigh of Steve Simms, their Australian coach.

Warrington's rebuilding process continued with a 22-8 defeat of bottom-placed Hull and they remain undefeated at home. Tukere Barlow, their New Zealand hooker, scored one try and created another for Iestyn Harris on his debut. Mark Forster and Paul Darbyshire added one each.

Castleford, too, maintained their recovery by completing a league double over Widnes with a 26-6 victory at Wheldon Road. In the second division, Keighley stayed top with a 38-8 win at Whitehaven and Highfield, without a point, suffered a 78-4 hiding at Hull Kingston Rovers.

Northampton's revival appears soundly based

Northampton 25
West Hartlepool 14

BY BRYAN STILES

THE mid-season break in the Courage Clubs Championship has come just at the wrong time for Northampton. Having won two of their last three games they have found the rhythm, style and passion that will rattle most of their middle-of-the-table opponents.

They remain bottom of the first division and victory on Saturday over West Hartlepool was only their second of the season, the other being their 9-6 success over Gloucester a fortnight earlier. But there is an optimism among the faithful at Franklin's Gardens that they are on the way to emulating former glories. They feel their team is returning to the big time. They are saying, ignore the team's position in the league and rejoice at the style, it's a winner.

The style and the cohesion comes from Ian McGeechan, their new director of rugby, who was summoned to bring the expertise he displayed with the British Isles and Scotland, to revitalise an ailing side.

McGeechan has had the team only a few weeks but the unmistakable signs of revival are there. Ever the cautious Scot, McGeechan is loathe to give away the secret of his undoubted skill as a coach — he is director of rugby at Northampton — but he acknowledges there has been positive progress since his arrival.

"The team are imposing their own game on the opposition and they have the strength of will to do it over 80 minutes," McGeechan said. "There is a shape and a rhythm to their game now and there is a different atmosphere going into the second half of the season in the new year"

There is also an addition to the playing strength in Justyn Cassell, a flanker, who made his debut on Saturday, after leaving Harlequins to be nearer his home and business in Bedford.

He scored a try four weeks ago playing for Harlequins against West Hartlepool and on Saturday he repeated the dose. This time his try was the score on which the game pivoted.

With the score standing at 15-14 to Northampton and the visitors threatening to launch yet another of their spirited counter-attacks, Cassell rounded off a sweeping move by straightening up the line like a centre and bursting through several tackles to dive over in the 53rd minute. Although they continued to play with enterprise and spirit West could not match the ravenous urge for victory burning in Northampton, who in Tim Rodber, Martin Bayfield and Cassell were served by players with match-winning skills at a high level. Bayfield monopolised the lineout, while Rodber and Cassell marauded splendidly in the loose.



McGeechan: quick fix

John Elliott, the England selector present, must have been uplifted by the appetite for the fray displayed by Bayfield and Rodber, in particular.

In the right boot of Paul Grayson Northampton possessed the instrument of execution. As his hungry pack lured West into errors, he collected six penalty goals and a conversion to run up 20 points. Twelve of them came in the first half when Northampton were running the visitors ragged. Only desperate, last-ditch defence prevented Dawson, Bayfield and Rodber from breaching West's line before the interval. But, living off scraps, West were able to snatch an undeserved 14-12 lead by half-time.

A neat chip ahead by Tim Stimpson enabled Kevin Whitaker to touch down in the corner and poor defensive work allowed Paul Hodder to evade several would-be tacklers and cross near the posts. Stimpson converted both tries but West were shut out completely in the second half, failing to add another point, as Northampton took control.

SCORERS: Northampton: Try: Cassell. Conversion: Grayson. Penalty goals: Grayson (6). West Hartlepool: Tries: Whitaker, Hodder. Conversions: Stimpson (2).

NORTHAMPTON: S Juds; K Morgan, N Beal, M Allen, H Thomeycroft; P Grayson, M Dawson; M Hynes, A Clarke, M Lewis, T Rodber, J Phillips, M Bayfield, J Cassell, G Seeley. Dawson replaced by D Elkington (60min).

WEST HARTLEPOOL: T Stimpson; O Evans, A Swine, P Hodder, K Whitaker; J Stabler, D Patterson; P Lancaster, S Mitchell, M Shelley, D Mitchell, J Dixon, K Westgarth, R Wainwright, M Watson.

Referee: E Morris (Bristol).

Harlequins hope Best can turn tide

Harlequins 10
Gloucester 14

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

AS IN a boxing match, when the man clearly ahead on points loses concentration towards the end and is sent crumbling to the canvas, Harlequins dropped their guard with only eight minutes remaining at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday and duly went down to their fourth home defeat in league rugby this season.

Although Dick Best, the former England coach who takes up the post of director of rugby for Harlequins on December 1, spoke optimistically after the match, a fall from the ranks of the elite cannot seem, for him, very far away.

As Best rightly said, Harlequins' league position, two points off the bottom, does not reflect the quality of the players they have. "But we are underachieving as a team and I need to talk to the players, to see where they want to go and to assess their ambitions."

If Harlequins are to pull themselves round, Will Carling's attitude to club rugby, much criticised recently, is likely to be critical. But in a game that Best described as "push-and-shove — a far cry from the open play we all admired on the hard grounds at the start of the season", it could not be faulted.

Identifying that, with Ben Maslen off injured, Gloucester were a man short in the centre, Carling set up Harlequins' try by totally committing an already stretched defence before flipping the ball one-handed and overarm to Andy Pinnock. With some astute cross-kicking from outside centre, he kept much of the play at the Gloucester end of the field.

Pressure, though, needs to be converted into points, and that was Harlequins' undoing. The lineout ball won by Coker and Sheasby and the space created by Thompson's line of attack at inside centre should have produced more.

On a damp afternoon, when high balls were more often spilt or missed completely than collected cleanly, it looked for a long while as though perspiration would predictably prevail over inspiration, but it was two sparks of the latter, from Mark Mapletoft, their full back, that swung the game Gloucester's way.

First, he picked up a pass from somewhere below his bootlaces and put Paul Holford away for a try seven minutes before half-time; then, with scribes busily updating Gloucester's obituary notice, he ran a mark out of his 22 with Harlequins anticipating a kick, found Andy Deacon, his captain, in support and Holford on hand to run the ball to the line.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Try: Pinnock. Conversion: Bray. Penalty goal: Bray. Gloucester: Tries: Holford (2). Conversions: Osborne (2).

HARLEQUINS: W Greenwood; D O'Leary, W Carling, G Thompson, A Pinnock; K Bray, R Kitchin; S Brown, B Moore, J Leonard, T Coker, A Snow, P Threlfall, M Pepper, C Sheasby. W Davison temporary replacement for Pepper.

GLOUCESTER: M Mapletoft; P Holford, S Morris, B Maslen, L Osborne; M Kimber, B Fenley; A Windo, J Hawker, A Deacon, P Ashmead, D Sims, S Devereux, I Smith, M Teague. Maslen replaced by I Morgan (17min); Teague replaced by G Keyse (67)

Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire).

Cup victory lifts league gloom over Richmond

Havant 13
Richmond 15

BY NICOLAS ANDREWS

THE big boys join the equation with the draw for the fourth round of the Pilkington Cup this afternoon but, for one team at least, the prospect of a glamour tie against one of the Courage Clubs Championship's leading lights is something that can definitely wait.

Not for Richmond and their coach John Kingston the chance to measure themselves against the giants of the land just yet. "I don't want a big club in the next round," Kingston said, after watching his team successfully negotiate a tricky trip to Havant. "Fylde or Coventry at home, perhaps. Then we might consider Leicester away."

Kingston believes that Richmond are in a false position in the league. His young and inexperienced side has lost narrowly to late scores several times so far this season. But reinforcements are on the way and, after a victory like this one, the self-belief that his players so desperately need could just be returning.

Certainly, had Lloyd not dropped a scoring pass just after half-time, or had Gregory been successful with more than two from eight kicks at goal, this tie would have been more of a formality for Richmond. Havant were 15-3 down at the interval and found top gear too infrequently.

With an encouraging crowd behind them, the fourth division side fought their way back with a penalty from Russell and a try from Bates. For a time they showed the conviction of a team with an impressive home record behind them, the kind of belief in their ability to win that Kingston has to instil in Richmond.

But, in the closing stages, the visitors regained the control that they had enjoyed for much of the first 40 minutes, and even the most partisan home supporter would have been hard-pressed to argue that the victory was unjust.

Lloyd had scored Richmond's first try after 14 minutes to add to his three from the previous round. Russell replied with a penalty for Havant, but Gregory, with the boot, and Thompson, after a surging run, re-emphasised the visitors' dominance.

"I can't believe we had to dig ourselves out of it again," Kingston said. "But we regained control and I'm just delighted we won."

Owen Jarrett, the new Havant coach, was disappointed that his players failed to raise their game. "We just didn't perform," he said. "A good cup run would have been nice, but full marks to Richmond — they have had an awful season."

Havant know just how it feels to be stuck at the wrong end of division three. Last season was not the happiest of times for all at Hooks Lane, with 15 defeats in 18 league games and relegation the inevitable consequence. But Jarrett says that the spirit is back in the club and, until the defeat at Liverpool St Helens nine days ago, they looked poised for a quick return to the top 30.

Richmond's league outlook is rather less rosy. "We know we've got a dogfight on our hands," Kingston said. "Climbing our way out of the chasm will be hard work."

☐ Basingstoke gained revenge for their defeat by Clifton in the Pilkington Cup four years ago with a 29-26 victory after extra time on Saturday. A penalty try and a try from Palmer, and five penalties and two conversions from Rowledge saw the side from division five south beat their division three opponents.

Lydney, also of division five south, beat Reading, joint leaders of division four, 16-6. Knox and Stubbs got the tries, Mills kicked two penalties.

SCORERS: Havant: Try: Bates. Conversion: Russell. Penalties: Russell (2).
Richmond: Tries: Lloyd, Thompson. Conversion: Gregory. Penalty: Gregory.

HAVANT: R Ashworth; J Bates, S Boydell, S Powley, A Jewitt; P Russell, D Jones; D Rees, M Brady, J Cameron, R Ward, B Pearce, K Middleton, N Poach, W Knight.

RICHMOND: J Gregory; C Lloyd, J Clarke, M Hutton, M Benni; J Hoad, C Hornung; D Sinclair, A Cuthbert, D Goodwin, J Lewis, P Carr, C Palmer, P Delle-Savina, D Thompson. Lloyd replaced by T Chicken (51 mins)

Referee: K Montgomery (Dorset & Wilts).

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Cumani reaps reward of meticulous preparation

Barathea delivers big finale

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

LUCA Cumani has savoured many of the thrills racing has to offer. In addition to winning the Derby, he has captured important races in far-flung corners of the globe. But to watch him basking in the afterglow of Barathea's dazzling victory in the Breeders' Cup Mile was to see a man fulfilled, a man whose meticulous preparation reaped its just rewards on the world's premier stage.

Some professionals in racing refuse to accept the magnitude of the Breeders' Cup. They are hopelessly misguided; it is fortunate that Cumani is not among them. It takes a special horse to silence the Americans on their home soil. Barathea has always appealed as one of those, yet honing him for the job required skills in measures equal to the gifted genes running through this remarkable thoroughbred. When it came to the crunch, Cumani more than measured up.

Although the highlight, Barathea's glorious course record in the Breeders' Cup Mile was but one of many heart-warming displays by the large European team assembled at Churchill Downs.

There was the French-trained Tikkanen, who conquered Paradise Creek, the horse who had looked all but invincible in the build-up to the Turf.

There was Eltish, whose sheer physical strength always threatened an upset in the Juvenile until he was outrun by an even more towering animal in Timber Country. He will have his chance of revenge in the Kentucky Derby here in May. And there were sterling fourth places for Erin Bird and Belle Genius in the Distaff and Juvenile Fillies respectively.

There were the inevitable disappointments, none more keenly felt by the connections of Hatoof. This outstanding mare had not looked herself, a fact written all over the face of her trainer, Criquette Head, as she saddled her pride and joy for the last time. Yet Hatoof almost defied the laws of nature with her fast-closing second in the Turf, promoting a flood of tears from Walter Swinburn, who has always understood — and done so much to develop — her remarkable talent. How he would love to have parted from her on a winning note.

And, of course, there was Lochsong, whose winning chance in the Sprint was always remote. She trailed in last, beaten nearly 20 lengths by Cherokee Run. Having been headed from the outset, she was never better than third, sparing British bookmakers a massive payout.

Her owner, Jeff Smith, conceded: "It was like trying to climb Everest on roller skates." The six-year-old came out of the race with a swollen knee, a victim of the deadly pace at which six-furlong events are contested here.

Lochsong now returns home to be bred to Bluebird, although connections have not ruled out a tilt at the King's Stand Stakes in June. "She wasn't confident on the dirt and didn't turn well," a dejected Lanfranco Dettori observed. "She's got a big heart and I didn't want to abuse her in the straight."

Two hours later, it was not just Dettori and the British who were smiling after Barathea finally landed the championship he so richly deserved — and by three lengths to boot. The young Italian, having executed what he described as "an Angel Cordero flyjump" to dismount from Barathea, went on to charm the Americans, showing them just why he holds centre stage on the British racing scene.

Dettori told them: "Barathea has extraordinary acceleration so I waited with him until well into the straight. When I pressed the button he was gone in a flash; it's probably the greatest thrill of my life. I tell you what, man, I'm walking on the moon."

Cumani, meanwhile, was more rational. All week he had exuded a quiet confidence, and when it was his turn he spoke not of his own skills but those of his horse. "He has deserved to win a very big race for a long time. He has twice broken track records — in the 2,000 Guineas and the Sussex — and he ended up beaten in both races. That's it for him now; he retires to the Rathbarry Stud in Ireland and I for one will remember him very fondly."

Of course, Cumani and Dettori go back a long way. Their eight-year association ended acrimoniously until the pair resolved their differences earlier this year.

This victory amounted to an appropriate conclusion to a season which started with Cumani still refusing to talk to the jockey. But he could not have summed up the situation any better than when he said yesterday: "He was a young chick messing about in the nest too much, so I had to kick him out. Now he has returned a grown-up man."

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Dettori shows his delight after Barathea's record-breaking triumph in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Churchill Downs

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BRACKENFIELD (2.15 Carlisle)

Next best: Call My Guest (1.45 Carlisle)

Early arrival maximises chance of Cup success

After the agony of Florida and California, when British-trained horses found the winner's enclosure an elusive dream, the eleventh running of the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs in Kentucky illustrated that travelling horses thousands of miles at the end of the Flat season does not constitute grounds for inevitable failure.

The achievements of our horses this year endorsed what has been learned over the ten-year history of this magnificent series. Churchill Downs was always going to be a more favourable venue than either Gulfstream Park or Santa Anita, where temperatures in early November are some 40 degrees higher than at home. And so it proved. With the exception of a bitterly cold Tuesday, autumn in Kentucky did not present an additional barrier to Britain's chances.

Perhaps it was significant that the French horses appeared less content than usual. After a delayed journey, they emerged fron quarantine the day after the wind-chill factor on Tuesday registered 21 degrees. They indulged in only light exercise, yet they returned from their first visit to the track sweating profusely. Conversely, by arriving 24 hours later, most of the British runners missed the cold snap and never looked nearly as unsettled.

However, their late arrival hampered the horses in other ways. By gaining their horses' release from the quarantine barn only two days before their respective races, trainers had little choice but to press ahead with workouts irrespective of how they had travelled.

This policy of arriving as close to the race as possible must clearly be re-thought. It may have worked well for Last Tycoon, the Mile winner at Santa Anita in 1986, but the benefit gained by that colt was almost certainly related to his minimal exposure to the soaring temperatures.

That he was able to race so effectively is a tribute to his constitution. This time, the mould was broken by Luca Cumani, who went to great expense in flying out Barathea and Only Royale a week before the Breeders' Cup. And how it showed. As ten other British horses darted about the track for the first time on Thursday morning, Cumani's duo had already embraced their important routine.

It seems horses arriving in a similar climate to the one they have left behind are not adversely affected on their arrival. It is a different matter when the Breeders' Cup is staged in California or Florida. For the purposes of acclimatisation, it appears the optimum way to maximise a winning chance is to travel some weeks in advance.

Of equal significance to the conundrum of travel is the priority accorded to the Breeders' Cup by the home team. This was epitomised by D Wayne Lukas, the Californian trainer.

After years of dominance, Lukas's career was in danger of drifting irretrievably from him. But he is back with a vengeance, having saddled two winners and two narrow seconds on Saturday. Lukas had aimed his eight-strong Breeders' Cup team towards the event since mid-summer; his decision was vindicated on a high-profile afternoon.

The French record in the Breeders' Cup is better than the British largely because they tend to give their horses the summer off. They prepare for the big events in the autumn and are thus relatively fresh.

Until British trainers target specific races at the Breeders' Cup, the French will always be a more potent force.

JULIAN MUSCAT



Racing commentary

Saxon Maid joins the party

LUCA Cumani, busy supervising Barathea's victory in the Breeders' Cup, also had cause for celebration at Doncaster on Saturday when Saxon Maid gave the Newmarket trainer his fiftieth domestic success of the season by winning the Tote Credit November Handicap.

It also provided Jason Weaver with a second successive win in the £30,000-added race following Quick Ransom's victory last year.

Saxon Maid's plucky victory in the mud put Weaver just two short of his target of becoming only the fifth jockey this century to ride 200 winners in a season. Biding his time as the field went a fast gallop in the early stages, Weaver produced his mount on the outside to seize the initiative a furlong from home and defeat Penny A Day by 3½ lengths. Saxon Maid will stay in training next year.

Weaver still has ample opportunity to reach the 200 after the Turf season finishes at Folkestone today as he can ride on the all-weather but has no realistic chance of catching Frankie Dettori in the jockeys' championship.

Weaver, who will ride as a freelance next year, said: "I'm going after the title in the same style next year, but it's still going to be tough — there are plenty of good jockeys around."

Meanwhile, Danoli, the Champion Hurdle favourite, made a satisfactory seasonal return at Punchestown yesterday when easily winning the Morgiana Hurdle (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). Starting at odds of 5-1 on, he made all to beat Diplomatic by eight lengths. He impressed his jockey, Charlie Swan, who said: "He relaxed his concentration and dived at the second-last, but its like driving a Rolls Royce." Danoli will reappear in the Hattons Grace Hurdle at Fairyhouse on December 4.

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BREEDERS' CUP RESULTS

Going: fast (dirt), firm (turf)

6.20 SPRINT (6f dirt) 1, Cherokee Run (M Smith); 2, Soviet Problem; 3, Cardmania. 14 ran. Hd, 1¼l. F Alexander. Pari-mutuel (inc $2 stake) 7.60; place (1-2) 3.60, 3.80; show (1-2-3) 3.00, 3.20, 8.00. Forecast 29.40.

6.55 JUVENILE FILLIES (1m 110yd dirt) 1, Flanders (P Day); 2, Serena's Song; 3, Stormy Blues. 13 ran. NR: Call Now. Hd, 4l. D Wayne Lukas. Pari-mutuel 2.80; place 2.40, 3.60; show 2.10, 2.60, 2.80. Forecast 11.20. Flanders coupled in all pools with Cat Appeal.

7.30 DISTAFF (1m 1f dirt) 1, One Dreamer (G Stevens); 2, Heavenly Prize; 3, Miss Dominique. Nk, 1¼l. 9 ran. NR: Dispute. T Procter. Pari-mutuel 96.20; place (1-2) 24.00, 4.00; show 11.20, 3.40. 13.40. Forecast 3.40.

8.05 MILE (Turf) 1, Barathea (L Dettori); 2, Johann Quatz; 3, Unfinished Symph. 14 ran. 3l, hd. L Cumani in Britain. Pari-mutuel: 22.80; place 11.60, 18.20; show 8.80, 16.00, 16.00. Johann Quatz and Unfinished Symph coupled in place and show pools with Dominant Prospect.

8.40 JUVENILE (1m 110yd dirt) 1, Timber Country (P Day); 2, Eltish; 3, Tejano Run. 13 ran. NR: Pineing Patty. 2l, 3l. D Wayne Lukas. Pari-mutuel: 6.80; place 4.00, 14.60; show 3.40, 8.40, 4.40.

9.20 TURF (1m 4f) 1, Tikkanen (M Smith); 2, Hatoof; 3, Paradise Creek. 14 ran. 1½l, 1¾l. J Pease in France. Pari-mutuel 35.20; place 13.60, 12.80; show 5.80, 5.80, 2.80.

10.05 CLASSIC (1m 2f dirt) 1, Concern (J Bailey); 2, Tabasco Cat; 3, Dramatic Gold. 14 ran. Nk, 1½l. R Small. Pari-mutuel 17.00; place 6.80, 5.60; show 4.40, 3.80, 4.60.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

FOLKESTONE: Trainers: G Harwood, 21 winners from 60 runners, 35.0%; J Pearce, 10 from 39, 25.6%; W Haggas, 4 from 17, 23.5%; J Dunlop, 9 from 44, 20.5%; P Cole, 14 from 69, 20.3%; M Prescott, 7 from 38, 18.4%. Jockeys: R Hughes, 3 winners from 12, 25.0%; J Tate, 4 from 18, 22.2%; R Cochrane, 28 from 127, 22.0%; J Weaver, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Hills, 7 from 40, 17.5%.

CARLISLE: Trainers: J Jefferson, 11 winners from 34 runners, 32.4%; C Thornton, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Edwards, 5 from 17, 29.4%; Mrs M Reveley, 14 from 51, 27.5%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 4 from 15, 26.7%. Jockeys: A Maguire, 4 from 8, 50%; N Williamson, 4 from 11, 36.4%; P Niven, 25 from 93, 26.9%; M Dwyer, 16 from 72, 22.2%; N Doughty, 21 from 97, 21.6%.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

12.45 Don't Forget Marie. 1.15 Aslan. 1.45 Call My Guest. 2.15 Brackenfield. 2.45 Green Trix. 3.15 Mutual Trust. 3.45 Distant Echo.

GOING: GOOD SIS

12.45 ASPATRIA CLAIMING HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,928: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1 RIBBOLD 97F Denys Smith 11-6 ... P Waggott (5) –
2 NAWTINOOKEY 142F P Monteith 11-5 ... M Moloney –
3 84-0 ERBIL 11 (F) L Lungo 11-2 ... F Perratt (5) 86
4 2122 ERICOLIN 23 (D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 11-2 ... M Dwyer 83
5 02P- GRANDERISE 180 D Swindlehurst 11-2 ... Mr D Swindlehurst 59
6 -822 SOLO CHARTER 16 W Clay 11-2 ... Diane Clay 66
7 6- DUKE OF DREAMS 7F Mrs M Reveley 11-0 ... P Niven –
8 006- FRIENDLY KNIGHT 42F J Haldane 11-0 ... N Doughty 74
9 05-0 FUNNY FEELINGS 11 P Monteith 11-0 ... A Dobbin 70
10 1-5P DON'T FORGET MARIE 30 (D,F,G,S) A Bailey 10-9 ... T Kent 88
11 P4-6 SUMMER FLOWER 17 (D,F,G) A Forbes 10-7 ... T Eley (3) 79
12 0234 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 33 (BF) Mrs S Smith 10-5 Richard Guest 71

3-1 Duke Of Dreams, 7-2 Ericolin, 7-1 Solo Charter, Don't Forget Marie, 8-1 others.

1.15 GREENALLS INNS NOVICES CHASE
(£3,184: 2m) (5)

1 043- ASLAN 177F (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 ... M Dwyer –
2 2- HAGAR 269 J Charlton 5-11-0 ... B Storey 98
3 6P-R HURDY 10 (F,G) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-0 ... J Burke (5) –
4 0-F6 THE PATTERS MAGIC 30 B Mactaggart 7-11-0 ... F Perratt (5) 73
5 6422 SWIFT CARRIAGE 23 M Barnes 8-10-9 ... A Dobbin 99

4-5 Aslan, 9-4 Swift Carriage, 7-2 Hagar, 20-1 The Patters Magic, 25-1 Hurdy.

1.45 RDA SILVER JUBILEE MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,234: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

1 P-22 CALL MY GUEST 17F Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-0 ... M Dwyer 99
2 00 CELTIC SILVER 33 Mrs S Smith 6-11-0 ... Richard Guest 72
3 40-3 ERLEMO 30 (V) W Clay 5-11-0 ... Diane Clay 81
4 GALE AHEAD G Moore 4-11-0 ... R Dunwoody –
5 2- INTO THE WEST 205 T Carr 5-11-0 ... A Dobbin –
6 0- KUSHDALAY 184 C Parker 5-11-0 ... B Storey –
7 06/ LORD TIM 543 J Hellens 6-11-0 ... A Larnach (3) –
8 60 MISTI HUNTER 25 Miss M Milligan 5-11-0 ... J Callaghan –
9 0/P- PATROL 383 J Johnson 5-11-0 ... A Maguire –
10 /2/ SOUL AGREEMENT 618 Mrs S Bramall 7-11-0 ... J Burke (5) –
11 THE BLACK BISHOP L Lungo 6-11-0 ... T Reed –
12 350- VAIGLY SUNTHYME 24F J Carr 4-11-0 ... D Byrne 65
13 0/0 AIDE MEMOIRE 11 Mrs B Broad 5-10-9 ... K Johnson 82
14 FREETOME J Charlton 6-10-9 ... A K Smith (7) –
15 408- MANETTIA 191 (G) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-9 ... P Niven 95
16 0-2U MARSDEN ROCK 3 N Mason 7-10-9 ... J Supple (5) 83
17 MISS HUNTCLIFFE Mrs M Reveley 7-10-9 ... N Smith –
18 44/ MOSSIE GOLD 593 C Parker 7-10-9 ... Mr D Parker (5) –

3-1 Call My Guest, 5-1 Manettia, 6-1 Vaigly Sunthyme, 7-1 others.

2.15 LUCIUS CHALLENGE CUP
(Handicap chase: £4,273: 3m 2f) (7)

1 11P- TARTAN TYRANT 205 (CD,G,S) G Richards 8-12-0 ... A Dobbin 91
2 F11- BRACKENFIELD 168 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-9 ... P Niven 90
3 301- HUDSON BAY TRADER 186 (G,S) P Beaumont 7-10-2 ... Mrs A Farrell 99
4 01-0 LUPY MINSTREL 11 (C,F,G,S) C Parker 9-10-0 ... B Storey 98
5 4P5- GATHERING TIME 179 (G,S) Mrs S Smith 8-10-0 ... Miss V Haigh (7) 96
6 6/P- BOLD SPARTAN 298 (S) J Oliver 11-10-0 ... R Williamson –
7 P523 BOREEN OWEN 11 (B,BF,C,G,S) J J O'Neill 10-10-0 ... R McGrath (7) 81

5-4 Brackenfield, 5-2 Tartan Tyrant, 9-2 Hudson Bay Trader, 8-1 others.

2.45 BOWNESS NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,912: 3m 110yd) (12)

1 0/6- GERRYMANDER 434 M Hammond 6-10-12 ... D Bentley (3) –
2 /2P- GREEN TRIX 387 C Parker 6-10-12 ... B Storey 92
3 0-10 MY WARRIOR 8 (F) J Edwards 6-10-12 ... N Williamson –
4 FF-P NAWRIK 11 (S) L Lungo 5-10-12 ... I Jardine (7) 88
5 40-2 OAT COUTURE 30 L Lungo 6-10-12 ... T Reed 95
6 /3-6 SELF IMPORTANT 44 (B) D Nolan 9-10-12 ... N Doughty 84
7 /0- DISTANT LADY 174 Mrs S Smith 8-10-7 ... Richard Guest –
8 180- DUCHESS OF TUBBER 209 (S) R Fisher 6-10-7 ... A Thornton 72
9 602- EMRAL MISS 179 G Richards 8-10-7 ... A Dobbin 87
10 MOLLY MINSTREL J Johnson 5-10-7 ... A Maguire –
11 560 PALACE RIVER 10 D Moffatt 6-10-7 ... D J Moffatt (3) 63
12 2-43 QUEEN BUZZARD 8 E Weymes 6-10-7 ... Mr J Weymes 81

9-4 Emral Miss, 7-2 Oat Couture, 4-1 Duchess Of Tubber, 7-1 Green Trix, 8-1 Gerrymander, 10-1 Queen Buzzard, 12-1 My Warrior, 14-1 others.

3.15 BRITISH DENKAVIT HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,618: 2m) (8)

1 5224 DRUMSTICK 9 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-12-0 ... F Leahy (5) 99
2 1-F5 JUST FRANKIE 10 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 10-11-7 ... P Niven 94
3 11-5 ONE FOR THE POT 11 (D,F,G,S) Mrs A Naughton 9-11-1 ... T Jenks (3) 96
4 5-22 MUTUAL TRUST 10 (F,G,S) G Richards 10-10-8 ... A Dobbin 97
5 215- SEON 180 (D,F,G,S) C Parker 8-10-7 ... B Storey 96
6 2FF- POSITIVE ACTION 196 (D,F,G,S) M Barnes 8-10-2 ... R Dunwoody 95
7 12S- KAMBALDA RAMBLER 198 (CD,S) C Parker 10-10-0 ... Mr D Parker (5) 98
8 005- HERE COMES TIBBY 191 (G,S) W Reed 7-10-0 ... Miss A Farrell 72

9-4 Drumstick, 5-2 Mutual Trust, 5-1 One For The Pot, Seon, 6-1 Just Frankie, 8-1 Kambalda Rambler, 12-1 others.

3.45 CROSS FELL STAKES OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,424: 2m 1f) (25)

1 31- DISTANT ECHO 181 (F) O Arbuthnot 4-11-7 ... R Dunwoody –
2 1 WILLS TELMAR 38 (F) J Johnson 6-11-7 ... S Taylor (7) –
3 2- BEN CRUACHAN 240 J Jefferson 4-11-0 ... M Dwyer –
4 CADRILLON T Tate 4-11-0 ... W Fry (7) –
5 CLAVERHOUSE Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 ... E Callaghan (7) –
6 CRY WILD L Lungo 4-11-0 ... F Perratt (5) –
7 0- GREET THE GREEK 230 Mrs S Bramall 5-11-0 ... J Burke (5) –
8 0- KILMESSAN JUNCTION 275 C Thornton 5-11-0 ... Mark Roberts (7) –
9 0 KILTULLA 12 Mrs S Smith 4-11-0 ... Mr L Donnelly (7) –
10 LIAM'S LOSS J Parkes 5-11-0 ... F Leahy (5) –
11 4- LUCIMAN 205 Mrs M Reveley 4-11-0 ... P Niven –
12 0-0 MULLINSAR 38 J Charlton 5-11-0 ... A Maguire –
13 PACIFIC RAMBLER G Moore 4-11-0 ... J Callaghan –
14 PARSONS BOY G Richards 5-11-0 ... A Dobbin –
15 PHARARE R Woodhouse 4-11-0 ... N Williamson –
16 P- QUANTUM LEADER 198 J J O'Neill 5-11-0 ... A Roche (5) –
17 RED HOT BOOGIE J Adam 5-11-0 ... K Johnson –
18 RON ON THE RUN J Quinn 4-11-0 ... L Wyer –
19 P0 SHOWTIME BLUES 24 S Gollings 5-11-0 ... Pat Caldwell –
20 56- STORMY CORAL 191 C Parker 4-11-0 ... B Storey –
21 ZEPALIAS J Jefferson 4-11-0 ... M Newton (7) –
22 6 INGRAM VALLEY 11 D Moffatt 4-10-9 ... M Molloy (7) –
23 0-0R MEADOWLECK 28 W Young 5-10-9 ... N Doughty –
24 0- RED DUST 208 E Owen jun 5-10-9 ... A Thornton –
25 0- TWICE WEEKLY 205 F Jestin 5-10-9 ... Miss Sde Nichol (7) –

3-1 Distant Echo, 9-2 Wills Telmar, 6-1 Ben Cruachan, 7-1 Luciman, Claverhouse, 10-1 Ingram Valley, 12-1 Cadrillon, Red Hot Boogie, 14-1 others.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

1.00 Francfurter. 1.30 Lees Please. 2.00 Double Quick. 2.30 BRASS TACKS (nap). 3.00 Flora Belle. 3.30 Namaste. 4.00 Sky Burst.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 **BRASS TACKS**.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 **FINLAGGAN** (nap). 3.30 Side Bar. 4.00 Chilly Lad.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs C Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up U — unseated rider B — brought down S — slipped up R — refused D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers V — visor H — hood E — Eyeshield C — course winner D — distance winner CD — course and distance winner BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

1.00 DAGGER MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,163: 1m 1f 149yd) (14 runners)

101 (3) 02 BETTER OFFER 14 (BF) (Mrs W Sams) G Harwood 9-0 ... M Perrett 99
102 (6) 00 COMMANCHE STORM 9 (The Foreboys) T Clement 9-0 ... A Mackay –
103 (14) 32 EVEZIO RUFO 26 (G Mazza) J Dunlop 9-0 ... K Darley 94
104 (11) 650000 FALSE PRETENCES 23 (B) (Mrs B Mills) J Mulhern 9-0 ... J Williams 81
105 (13) 00 FRIAR'S OAK 34 (M Bowring) M Tompkins 9-0 ... P Robinson 77
106 (8) 0 LORD ADRIANI 6 (Godolphin) M Prescott 9-0 ... G Duffield 77
107 (12) 005055 MO'S MAIN MAN 25 (C Sparrowhawk) A Moore 9-0 ... R Cochrane 92
108 (10) 0 SHY PADDY 62 (Danebury Racing Ltd) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 ... B Doyle 91
109 (1) 0 SOURCE OF PRIDE 9 (V) (G Sweeny) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... Stephen Davies –
110 (2) 5 FRANCFURTER 9 (Cliveden Stud) R Charlton 8-9 ... J Weaver 95
111 (7) RISK A MILLION (M Moore) J Jenkins 8-9 ... C Rutter –
112 (4) 000 SHANUKE 9 (Bamton Auctions) J Moore 8-9 ... R Hughes 86
113 (5) 620650 STONEHAM GIRL 38 (Mrs L Mornington) P Butler 8-9 ... T Williams 68
114 (9) 54 WYCHWOOD-PALACE 21 (R Coombes) H Collingridge 8-9 ... C Hawksley (5) 86

BETTING: 6-4 Better Offer, 3-1 Francfurter, 6-1 Evezio Rufo, 8-1 Lord Adriani, 10-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BETTER OFFER short-head 2nd of 13 to Quintus Decimus in maiden at Lingfield (7f, soft). EVEZIO RUFO 1l 2nd of 14 to Grand Cayman in maiden at San Siro, Milan (1m 1f, soft). MO'S MAIN MAN 4l 5th of 30 to Pelinda in seller at Newmarket (7f, good). FRANCFURTER 9l 5th of 17 to Trimming in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, soft). STONEHAM GIRL 9l 6th of 10 to Any One Line in seller at Brighton (6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: BETTER OFFER

1.30 CUTLASS NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,184: 6f 189yd) (16 runners)

201 (6) 601103 CABCHARGE BLUE 11 (C,F,S) (Mrs A Wise) T Naughton 9-8 ... J Weaver 94
202 (3) 065 FINLAGGAN 26 (Mrs C Philipson) M Prescott 9-6 ... G Duffield 80
203 (8) 330 MAYBE TODAY 28 (J Curnow) B Millman 9-4 ... M Fenton 82
204 (13) 00013 HI-AUD 16 (D,F) (A Speake) J Akehurst 8-13 ... S Sanders (5) 96
205 (10) 2260 ELITE RACING 14 (B) (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 8-12 ... T Quinn 90
206 (15) 01535 SUILE MOR 56 (D,F) (Hammy Racing) B Millman 8-12 ... W Newnes 90
207 (12) 065 SCHARNHORST 14 (Mackenzie Print) S Dow 8-10 ... G Carter 80
208 (11) 120014 LEES PLEASE 16 (D,F,S) (M Brumby) K Cunningham-Brown 8-8 ... D Harrison 95
209 (9) 406 BAD NEWS 14 (J Naughton) P McEntee 8-6 ... Stephen Davies 96
210 (2) 330550 FINAL SPOOF 11 (M Watson) M Channon 8-6 ... Candy Morris 88
211 (14) 004005 MISTER FIRE EYES 9 (C Olley) C Brittain 8-6 ... B Doyle 99
212 (4) 001210 SAPPHIRE SON 24 (V,D,G) (D Cobb) C Williams 8-4 ... P Robinson 92
213 (7) 000312 POLY LAUREON 23 (F,G) (J Forsyth) R Hollinshead 8-3 ... K Darley 96
214 (5) 033021 TACHYCARDIA 9 (F,G) (Mrs T Wade) G Lewis 7-12 ... J Quinn 92
215 (1) 000 BENARTY HILL 27 (L Dewnet) R Ingram 7-10 ... B Russell (5) –
216 (16) 000664 VINDALOO 7 (J David Abell) M Johnston 7-9 ... N Carlisle 97

BETTING: 6-1 Hi-Aud, 7-1 Cabcharge Blue, 8-1 Lees Please, Finlaggan, 9-1 Tachycardia, 10-1 Suile Mor, Mister Fire Eyes, 12-1 others.

1993: FOLLY FINESSE 9-4 S Whitworth (7-2) B Millman 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CABCHARGE BLUE 2l 3rd of 13 to Gallows Corner in nursery at Nottingham (6f, good) with FINAL SPOOF (4lb better off) 6½l 7th. HI-AUD ½l 3rd of 17 to Rowlandsons Rocks in a nursery at Newbury (7f 110yd, heavy) with LEES PLEASE (2lb better off) 2½l 4th. SAPPHIRE SON beat Daucha a neck in 16-runner claimer at Brighton (7f, good) penultimate start. POLY LAUREON 2l 2nd of 13 to Petomi in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW 6f). TACHYCARDIA beat Another Baileys 1½l in a 13-runner seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 110yd).
Selection: HI-AUD

2.00 EPEE CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,553: 5f) (10 runners)

301 (9) 162012 THAT MAN AGAIN 10 (B,D,BF,F) (Al Jameson) G Lewis 9-5 ... D Harrison 91
302 (10) 1601 DOUBLE QUICK 10 (D,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 9-2 ... J Weaver 95
303 (3) 303203 FANTASY RACING 6 (V,D,S) (P Barram) M Channon 9-11 ... R Hughes 95
304 (1) 606 INDRAPURA 33 (HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn 82
305 (4) 133220 MUSICAL SEASON 25 (D,S) (P Savill) T Barron 8-11 ... K Darley 99
306 (8) NORSONG (Fairy Story Partnership) P Akehurst 8-11 ... S Sanders (5) –
307 (6) 353 LA BELLE DOMINIQUE 23 (R Withers) S Knight 8-6 ... W Newnes 83
308 (7) 00 MAPLE LEAF CANDY 55 (A Bell) J Akehurst 8-6 ... G Carter –
309 (2) 0340 SHARP HOLLY 21 (P Bennett) J Bennett 8-6 ... G Bardwell 61
310 (5) 084 STATOMIST 14 (J Naughton) P McEntee 8-6 ... J Quinn 76

BETTING: 2-1 Double Quick, 3-1 That Man Again, 7-2 Fantasy Racing, 7-1 Musical Season, 8-1 others.

1993: MR BERGERAC 9-1 B Holland (100-30) B Palling 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE QUICK beat THAT MAN AGAIN (1lb better off) 1¾l in Newmarket nursery (5f, good). Previously THAT MAN AGAIN beat Branston Kristy 2½l in Catterick nursery (5f, good to firm). FANTASY RACING 1¾l 3rd to Incar in Newcastle conditions race (6f, good to soft). INDRAPURA 9l 6th to Commoner in maiden at Haydock (7f, soft). MUSICAL SEASON 1l 2nd to Lago di Varano in Ayr listed race (5f, good to soft) penultimate start.
Selection: DOUBLE QUICK

2.30 EBF BROADSWORD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,185: 6f) (17 runners)

401 (6) 00 AMISTOP 51 (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 9-0 ... S Sanders (5) 86
402 (13) BOLD EFFORT (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0 ... B Doyle –
403 (5) 05 CHARLIE SILLETT 13 (J Sillett) B Hills 9-0 ... M Hills 78
404 (1) 00 DOUBLE RUSH 40 (A Lopes) T Mills 9-0 ... Dean McKeown 73
405 (11) 00 EASTERN APPROACHES 39 (J Boswell) L Cottrell 9-0 ... N Carlisle –
406 (9) 00 MORE BILLS 21 (Frederick Ellis) A Moore 9-0 ... Candy Morris 65
407 (17) 0 MUSIC PLEASE 3 (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 9-0 ... G Duffield –
408 (12) 043 SHARP 'N SMART 47 (K Burks) B Smart 9-0 ... D Harrison 88
409 (3) 0 SPORTING RISK 18 (The Fortunate Few) P Harris 9-0 ... R Cochrane –
410 (4) 0030 TIME IS MONEY 16 (J Levison) M Tompkins 9-0 ... P Robinson 82
411 (16) 00050 BILLS PLOUGHGIRL 14 (Mrs P Ratcliffe) J Moore 8-9 ... A Clark 69
412 (15) 3 BRASS TACKS 14 (Mrs D Strauss) R Hannon 8-9 ... K Darley 99
413 (14) 00 DISSOLVE 20 (Western Solvents Ltd) A Foster 8-9 ... Stephen Davies 78
414 (8) 320434 LUGANA VISION 111 (J Naughton) P McEntee 8-9 ... J Quinn 89
415 (2) 20 MAZILLA 9 (Flying Fillies) W Haggas 8-9 ... B Russell (5) 90
416 (7) 0 NON DIMENTICAR ME 7 (G Waters) M Prescott 8-9 ... C Nutter –
417 (10) 03 SATERNE LADY 13 (N Kersey) P Cole 8-9 ... T Quinn 84

BETTING: 3-1 Brass Tacks, 5-1 Sharp 'n Smart, 7-1 Music Please, 8-1 Saterne Lady, Charlie Sillett, 12-1 Lugana Vision, 14-1 Mazilla, 16-1 others.

1993: GALLANT SPIRIT 9-0 L Dettori (5-1) R Hannon 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE RUSH 5¾l 8th of 18 to Sayeh in maiden auction over course and distance (good to soft). SHARP 'N SMART 6¾l 3rd of 11 to Two O'Clock Jump in a maiden at Brighton (6f, good). BRASS TACKS 1l 3rd of 14 to Golden Lady in a maiden at Leicester (6f, good). LUGANA VISION 6l 4th of 8 to In Love Again in a nursery here (5f, good to firm). MAZILLA short-head 2nd of 15 to Rymer's Rascal in a maiden auction at Pontefract (6f, good to soft) penultimate start. SATERNE LADY 4¾l 3rd of 17 to Ben Guna in a maiden auction at Leicester (6f, good to soft) with CHARLIE SILLETT 2l 5th.
Selection: BRASS TACKS (nap)

3.00 CLAYMORE CLAIMING HANDICAP
(£2,381: 2m 93yd) (10 runners)

501 (3) /200/3 CHOIR MASTER 12 (B) (K Higson) A Moore 7-10-0 ... Candy Morris –
502 (4) 006000 GREATEST 14 (F) (Inwoshire Ltd) R Armstrong 3-8-12 ... J Weaver 98
503 (10) 401850- BRANSBY ROAD 439 (C,F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-8-11 ... T Quinn 89
504 (2) 0-56310 FLORA BELLE 186 (V,BF,S) (S Sharp) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9 ... D Harrison 89
505 (6) /223-0 CARFAX 263J (Mrs V Maunders) R Hoad 9-8-6 ... W Newnes –
506 (9) 622230 BY ARRANGEMENT 37 (F,G) (Mrs S Woodman) S Woodman 5-8-4 ... M Fenton 95
507 (1) 000020 SPRINGTIME AFFAIR 4 (Clarendon Park Stud) B Meehan 3-8-3 ... B Doyle 95
508 (5) 00055 CREOLE DISH 54J (T Bellamy) Mrs A Knight 3-8-2 ... Dale Gibson 93
509 (7) 554400 MALENOIR 159 (V,D,G) (J Purcell) R Spicer 6-7-13 ... A Clark 85
510 (8) 0-00000 DESERT PRESIDENT 27 (Trent Park Golf Club) R Hoad 3-7-9 ... J Quinn 99

BETTING: 5-2 Bransby Road, 3-1 Choir Master, 4-1 Flora Belle, 7-1 By Arrangement, 8-1 Malenoir, 12-1 Greatest, 14-1 Creole Dish.

1993: GO SOUTH 9-10-0 S Whitworth 10-1 (J Jenkins) 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHOIR MASTER 11l 3rd of 10 to Blowedifiknow in claimer at Yarmouth (1m 6f, good). BRANSBY ROAD 3¾l 5th of 6 to Runaway Pete in a handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, firm) penultimate start in August 1993. FLORA BELLE beat Princess Shera 7l in a 10-runner seller at Pontefract (1m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. BY ARRANGEMENT 1¾l 3rd of 16 to Hawkish in an apprentices' handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, good to soft) with SPRINGTIME AFFAIR (6lb better off) 25 lengths 12th. SPRINGTIME AFFAIR 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Rose of Glenn in a seller at Catterick (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start. CREOLE DISH 4l 5th of 8 to Chantelys in a selling handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: BRANSBY ROAD

3.30 FOIL SELLING HANDICAP (£2,174: 1m 4f) (18 runners)

601 (13) 413/50 NAMASTE 19 (BF,F) (J Gahanoni) R Hoad 6-9-10 ... G Carter 93
602 (17) 360214 LONG FURLONG 97 (C,F,G) (P Lau) R Akehurst 6-9-2 ... T Quinn 93
603 (12) 083-840 WESTERING 279 (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 4-9-1 ... S Mulvey (5) 90
604 (11) 500-080 WHO'S THE BEST 16 (F) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 4-8-11 ... J Tate (3) 90
605 (18) 021003 CHASTIZE 7 (F) (J Pattison) R Hollinshead 9-8-8 ... R Cochrane 95
606 (3) 5-50540 VOLTERRA 87 (B Nielsen) R Hanson 3-8-8 ... R Perham 93
607 (6) 31-0000 DUBALL REMY 10 (G) (D Balls) J Scargill 3-8-7 ... F Norton 98
608 (8) 406600 FASHIONABLE DANCER 19 (C Brittain) C Brittain 4-8-4 ... B Doyle 99
609 (7) 253540 SAXON MAGIC 21 (P Bennett) J Bennett 4-8-4 ... G Bardwell 95
610 (4) 60-0006 MISS MILLIPEDE 7 (V) (Miss A Sykes) T Etherington 3-8-2 ... J Lowe 91
611 (16) 50P00 SILVER PEARL 45 (E Scarth) M Pipe 3-8-2 ... D Harrison 94
612 (14) 400006 WOTTASHAMBLES 41 (Dream On Racing) G Lewis 3-8-0 ... Stephen Davies 88
613 (10) 003350 SIDE BAR 5J (B,F) (M Bisley) M Ryan 4-7-13 ... D Biggs 92
614 (2) 00-0300 MUSIC BLITZ 27 (N Yong) T Etherington 3-7-12 ... J Quinn 94
615 (15) 003400 BIRD OF THE WIND 13 (G Amey) Mrs A Knight 3-7-11 ... Dale Gibson 97
616 (1) 00/000 BARRYBEN 10J (Mrs M Brisbourne) W Brisbourne 5-7-9 ... N Adams –
617 (5) 05-0000 WIDE OUTSIDE 111 (J Horgan) G L Moore 3-7-7 ... M Baird (7) –
618 (9) 6-00650 MISS MAGENTA 42 (R Thompson) R Thompson 3-7-7 ... C Hawksley (5) –

Long handicap: Miss Magenta 7-0.

BETTING: 9-2 Long Furlong, 5-1 Chastize, 7-1 Namaste, 8-1 Saxon Magic, Westering, 10-1 others.

1993: IBSEN 5-8-10 D Holland (2-1 fav) R Akehurst 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

NAMASTE 7l 9th of 19 to Much Too Clever in Yarmouth selling handicap (1m 3f 110yd, good) with MISS MILLIPEDE (3lb better off) ½l 10th and FASHIONABLE DANCER (1lb better off) 6¾l 12th. LONG FURLONG 3¾l 4th of 6 to Don't Forsake Me in Brighton seller (1m 2f, firm). WESTERING 7¾l 4th of 13 to Chairmans Choice in Southwell maiden (AW, 1m) with SAXON MAGIC (12lb better off) 1¾l 7th. SAXON MAGIC 2¾l 4th of 14 to Exhibit Air in claimer here (1m 1f 110yd, good to soft) with FASHIONABLE DANCER (7lb better) 7¾l 11th.
Selection: LONG FURLONG

4.00 SABRE HANDICAP (£3,522: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

1 (13) 011000 BRILLIANT 13 (C,F,S) (A Sherman) J Pearce 6-9-10 ... J McLaughlin 93
2 (10) 200000 NORTH ESK 13 (F,G) (Rochford Racing) J Pearce 5-9-9 ... G Bardwell 94
3 (11) 34540-0 FONTANAYS 203 (D,S) (J Charles) Mrs M McCourt 6-9-8 ... P Robinson –
4 (6) 311500 VIRKON VENTURE 24 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Anchincloss) M Tompkins 6-9-7 S Mulvey (5) 98
5 (12) 11-0000 BIRTHPLACE 11 (D,G,S) (Boden Cummings Partners) J A Harris 4-9-7 Dale Gibson 94
6 (17) 2U1000 LYING EYES 32J (D,S) (A Holbrook) W G M Turner 3-9-7 ... J D Smith (5) 85
7 (9) 0006 CLASSIC MODEL 52 (K Al-Said) B Hills 3-9-5 ... M Hills 93
8 (16) 040240 ELDEYAAR 11 (B) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-4 ... R Cochrane 94
9 (4) 510605 WILDFIRE 16 (D,S) (R Kilby) R Akehurst 3-9-4 ... T Quinn 90
10 (19) 130056 MR DEVIOUS 18 (D,F,G,S) (Theobalds Stud) C Allen 3-9-3 ... T Ives 94
11 (14) 558316 SKY BURST 13 (BF,S) (Mrs D Jenks) L Cottrell 4-9-2 ... N Carlisle 99
12 (2) 50-0004 INCHCAILLOCH 11 (D,F,S) (F Carter) J King 5-9-2 ... J Williams 91
13 (5) 502163 SAGASAN 20 (D,G) (D Dear) W Muir 3-9-1 ... J Weaver 98
14 (18) 634503 MAHBARAH 13 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-0 ... R Price 98
15 (8) 05233/1 BALLYMAC GIRL 4 (G) (L Bowles) J Bradley 6-9-0 (5ex) ... L Charnock 96
16 (3) 230000 PORTOLANO 13 (V) (D Liner Services) C Williams 3-8-13 ... J Quinn 92
17 (7) 6042 OPERA BUFF 21 (S Tregurtha) M Pipe 3-8-13 ... G Carter 94
18 (20) 432043- QUELQUE CHOSE 398 (Three Stars Racing) B Meehan 4-8-12 ... B Doyle 85
19 (1) 0U606 BENJAMINS LAW 10 (D Lowe) J Pickering 3-8-11 ... R Wakefield (7) 90
20 (15) 040522 CHILLY LAD 6 (V,BF,G) (Eastmen Racing) M Ryan 3-8-10 ... D Biggs 96

BETTING: 6-1 Wildfire, 7-1 Sky Burst, 8-1 Chilly Lad, Inchcailloch, 10-1 Sagasan, Opera Buff, 12-1 Classic Model, Mahbarah, 14-1 others.

1993: NIGHT EDITION 3-8-3 G Duffield (9-2) S Dow 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELDEYAAR 1¾l 2nd of 20 to Boxer Tornado in maiden handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft) penultimate start. WILDFIRE about 9¾l 5th of 15 to Major Bugler in Newbury handicap (1m 4f, heavy). SAGASAN short-head and neck 3rd of 16 to Cuango in a handicap at Chepstow (1m 4f, good). MAHBARAH 1¾l 3rd of 11 to Cuango in conditions race at Leicester (1m 4f, good to soft) with PORTOLANO (8lb better off) about 35½l 10th. BALLYMAC GIRL beat Tindari short-head in 17-runner handicap at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good). CHILLY LAD 3l 2nd of 27 to Ballyranter in handicap at Newcastle (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: WILDFIRE

FLAT LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Berry	123	111	106	1	-268.53
M Johnston	114	91	83	1	-49.63
R Hannon	111	124	128	10	-383.26
M Stoute	108	76	88	1	-69.00

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	233	243	164	5	-185.90
J Weaver	198	146	134	3	+180.12
Pat Eddery	154	110	79	0	-27.45
K Darley	152	125	116	4	-129.56

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☐ Lavinia Fontana, trained by John Dunlop and ridden by Giovanni Forte, won the group three Premio Chiusura at San Siro, Milan, on Saturday, while Pater Noster (Julie Cecil — Paul Eddery) took the group two Premio Ribot in Rome yesterday.

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Taking a swing at the sport of princes

SPORT FOR ALL

Polo novice **Rachel Campbell-Johnston** joins the Moët set on a milk crate



JAMES MORGAN

Rachel Campbell-Johnston, second left, gets some lessons in swing at the Ascot Park Polo Club from the owner and former Olympic show jumper, Peter Grace, who is also pictured, below left, on horseback

Polo for all? It sounds like a contradiction in terms. The name conjures up smooth green turf and burnished ponies. Chinking bridle bits and glasses. The mingled scent of perfume and leather. Chanel and Cartier, Moët and Lauren. And above all, a bank account which can cope with the lot.

"Don't worry," said Elisabeth Grace, the benevolent châtelaine of Ascot Park Polo Club, when I phoned her the night before my first lesson. "Just bring jeans and plenty of warm jerseys, and a pair of cotton household gloves — they cost about 60p — and if you have no boots a pair of gym shoes will do."

I took her at her word, and purloining an assortment of sweatshirts from a friend and a pair of trainers — dismayingly decorated with lurid pink — I set off from London on a rainy Sunday.

Ascot Park nestles in leafy Surrey countryside, just off the M3. Here Peter Grace, a New Zealander and former Olympic showjumper, aided by a team of four polo-playing daughters (the Amazing Graces), runs a school at which he claims to teach even complete non-riders, the sport of princes.

His wife Elisabeth, the quintessential English hostess, with headscarf tightly knotted against the rain, greeted the arriving pupils. There was Ian, the Canadian telecommunications executive and his wife, Lyda. "I gave him a lesson as a Valentine present and he has been hooked ever since," she told me. Then there was Ophelia from Christie's, Ashley the law student, Colin the accountant and Anthony, an employee from the Wokingham branch of Barclays. Like me, he was having his first lesson. I could have guessed it from his pristine waxed jacket, Barbour badge winking at the lapel. Meanwhile, I was gratified to see that the mud in the yard was obscuring the flashes on my pink shoes.

Certainly, the backdrop of spreading oaks and white-railed pastures fitted my mental image of polo. But not the persistent October drizzle, and definitely not balancing atop an upturned milk-crate swiping with a stick at a line of balls. "One, two, and follow through," shouted Peter Grace. "Cock your wrist — don't let that arm go wimpy." I strove to imitate his effortless sweep and final, lackadaisical twirl, but the balls lurched bumpily off at haphazard angles, usually accompanied by a spray of clover and an excitable terrier eager to retrieve.

Elisabeth Grace stood loyally on the sidelines. "Well done," she cried in particularly encouraging tones whenever one of us achieved a mildly successful blow. Anthony was showing remarkable proficiency. Elisabeth enthused. Apparently he had read *Polo*, her husband's book, from cover to cover before coming. The effort was paying off.

After an hour, my forearm was starting to feel the strain. I was glad when I saw a string of ponies appearing through the trees. And once in the saddle, I definitely felt more dignified. Now came the practice of "stick and ball". The more accomplished learners were already off, dribbling a miniature football across the grass. Anthony, who had never so much as sat on a horse before, had been hoisted aboard a bomb-proof chestnut and was establishing his own, somewhat unconventional, riding style.

A bunch of four reins, all to be held in one hand, can be a problem for anyone schooled in English ways of riding but neckreining, once mastered, seems the obvious way to steer. The lightest touch sent my own mount, Quaife, a tall bay mare, sauntering into the middle of the field. She proved an expert instructor. The art of hitting the ball, and not the pony, consists of keeping the line of the stroke parallel to the horse. To do this, one twists one's body sideways, gripping with the outer leg. The patient Quaife turned a blind eye to my inelegant contortions, and once or twice, when I missed altogether, was obliging enough to kick the ball on herself.

> "The game can be cheaper to take up than hunting"

"How's it going?" called Ian, the Canadian, deftly avoiding a collision. I shrugged. "Wait," he promised. "It's that first moment when you make a perfect swing and send the ball soaring a hundred yards — that's the moment the addiction sets in." Every now and then I saw what he meant. For one stroke, there would be effortless contact, the stick would feel light and the ball would sail.

But I was still lamentably far from my visions of polo — there would be no turning on a sixpence and galloping towards the goal for me. At least, not on my first day. "Never mind," said Peter Grace, cantering elegantly along behind. "A couple more lessons and you'll be ready for a match."

Returning to the stables, I consoled myself with this hope. But in the afternoon, when I was taken to "The Berkshire" (I thought it was a pub but it turned out to be the Royal Berkshire polo ground) I felt less confident. Dressed in enough leather to keep a fetishist sweet, the more experienced of the Graces' pupils thundered up and down a boarded arena amidst a whirlwind of sticks and flying hooves. So is polo really a sport for all? Do you have to be born in the saddle to play — and a saddle draped with cloth of gold at that? The word elitism is about as welcome to the Graces as a stone in a pony's shoe. Peter said: "At Ascot Park we aim to make the sport accessible to the 'average' person. You don't even have to buy your own equipment, let alone a string of ponies. You don't even have to be able to ride."

Still, with only 38 clubs in Britain, with 1,500 members between them, polo can hardly be called a populist sport. Buff Crisp, secretary of the Hurlingham Polo Association, says: "At the top of the scale it can be very, very expensive." When a single high-goal match can involve over half a million pounds worth of horseflesh alone, it is not surprising that polo can leave a hole in your mint. "But at the other end of the scale," says Mr Crisp, "it can be cheaper than hunting. It depends whether you buy eight ponies and keep them at livery or hire one for a couple of chukkas at weekends."

I don't know what Anthony's plans were. Maybe he had his bank lined up as a sponsor. In any case, he seemed undeterred. The stiffness after a first morning on horseback had not yet set in and he was already planning his return. "Most of our players stay with us for years," said Elisabeth Grace, beaming as she packed me off home to a Radox bath. "We are like one big happy family."



WHAT IT WILL COST YOU TO PLAY

- **Polo clubs** and membership prices: Addresses from Hurlingham Polo Association (0869 500444).
- **Ascot Park Polo Club:** telephone/fax 0344 21312
- **Lessons:** Two-hour group sessions cost £70 each — pony and equipment provided. Individual training sessions with electric horse giving simulated action in a wire safety cage cost £5 for 20 minutes. A day of intensive instruction costs £200. Christmas vouchers can be purchased for lessons at Ascot Park.
- **Average cost of basic equipment for the player:** cap £95-140, faceguard £39, shirt with stitched numbers £35, breeches £49, boots £225-400, gloves £36 pair, stick: bamboo £50, Argentine £85, fibre £75; ball £4, spurs and straps £45, whip £32
- **Average cost of basic equipment for the pony:** including bridle with reins and bit, saddle, martingale, surcingle, bandages, hoof-guards, rugs, £450 to £650
- **Cost of ponies:** anything from a couple of thousand to £40,000
- **Livery:** about £100 a pony a week.

Rominger improves 1hr record

BY PETER BRYAN

IF THERE is a "wall" in endurance cycling, Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, appears not to notice. The world one-hour record-holder went through both the 54km and 55km barriers on the Bordeaux indoor track on Saturday to add 1,459m to the record distance of 53.832km he set on the same track two weeks earlier.

Rominger's 55.291km (approximately 34.5 miles) was a brilliant finale to a season that started well, hit bottom when he pulled out of the Tour de France because of a virus and then came alive with a series of outstanding victories in September and October.

Once he settled into his rhythm, at three kilometres, his latest effort was a demonstration of power and a consistent lap speed of 16.2sec on the wooden track.

"Few of Europe's top riders will want to go for it in case they fail," Graeme Obree, of Scotland, a former record-holder in the event, said.

Football's family day out falls short on fun

Simon Wilde goes to Brentford to sample the traditional delights of a sport working hard to meet new demands in the Nineties

Griffin Park, home of Brentford Football Club, can hardly be said to rank among the sport's most famous grounds. It is not hailed as the Stadium of Light. It cannot be recognised from miles away by twin towers. It does not have a notice in the players' tunnel that is guaranteed to send a chill down the spines of visiting teams, saying: "This Is Griffin Park".

It does, however, have the reputation of being in the vanguard of the movement that has taken football away from the hooligan and given it back to the family. Twice in the past four years, the club has won the national Football in the Community award. In one of the other years, it won the award among clubs in its division. Brentford are known as the Bob Cratchits of football society, limited in means but full of fireside warmth and good cheer.

There were certainly plenty of contented faces — young and old, male and female — going through the turnstiles at Griffin Park on Saturday for the second division match with Hull City. And well there might have been, because the club was having a particularly family-friendly day, with various discounts on offer.

Any member of the club was allowed to bring a guest at the members' admission price of £6.80. Non-members would normally have paid £1 more. I took advantage of this scheme and accompanied a member to the game. On arrival, my friend, as a member, was given vouchers worth £10 to use at the club shop and I was handed a special form enabling me to become a member for the rest of the season at a reduced fee.

The Crachits were being especially mindful of Tiny Tims. Children accompanied by members were permitted to enter free of charge — instead of paying the usual terrace fee of £5.50 — and could, if the member transferred to the seated areas, sit at no extra cost.

This was all well and good, but Brentford's usual gate prices are, it has to be said, higher than the average for a second division club and their ground facilities were perhaps slightly below the norm. Certainly, they are nothing by comparison with the state-of-the-art offerings of Huddersfield Town, who top the division.

Perhaps that was why, despite the discounts, the attendance was up only 135 on Brentford's average league gate for the season of 5,320. That, and the fact that it was November 5 and it drizzled all afternoon.

Walking round the ground during the game, it was easy to find evidence both favourable and unfavourable. The community spirit was certainly apparent: children were roaming the terraces and walkways apparently without fear of mishap; there was generous provision for the disabled; and there were various services available to members, my favourite of which was an advertisement for the Brentford FC Beauty Clinic.

On the other hand, one side of the ground is still awaiting a roof and, on a day like Saturday, this was no laughing matter. Anyone who stood there, certainly anyone without an umbrella, must have been seriously devoted to Brentford because — and, judging by the correspondence columns of the club fanzines, this is a bone of contention — for some reason the club places visiting supporters at the other, drier, end of the ground.

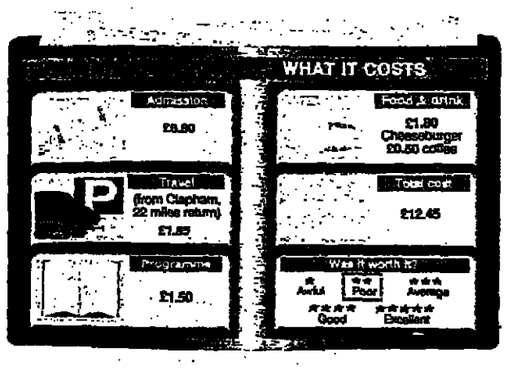
Still, it is amazing what the average English football spectator will put up with. His well-known preference for standing for almost two hours in order to provide passionate vocal support was amply demonstrated here, the majority of empty spaces being among the seats.

Having spent £1.50 on the match programme — another thing for which Brentford have received an award — I decided to invest in something more immediate to my needs: some hot food and drink. Despite the interval queues, I was served briskly enough in the main take-away area that I did not miss the start of the second half.

Sadly, my coffee was tongue-furringly strong and the cheese and burger I ordered were introduced to each other only seconds before they became acquainted with me.

The real trouble with the occasion, though, was that there was no getting away from the fact that this was a second division football match. There was too much physical vigour, too little invention and Hull won a dull old game by the only goal.

The irrepressible Bob Cratchit might have found entertainment in it, but had his employer, Scrooge, been given a free ticket (he would never have parted with the money) he would almost certainly have screwed up his wizened face and cried, "Bah! Humbug!"



Haining triumphs in world challenge

BY MIKE ROSEWELL

PETER Haining, Britain's world lightweight sculling champion, continued to add honours to his remarkable season when he won the Thames World Sculling Challenge title, and a cheque for £2,000, over the Putney-to-Mortlake course.

With the world, the Scullers Head and the Wingfield titles already to his credit this year, the Scotsman shrugged aside challenges from the 1993 title-holder, Wade Hall-Craggs, and the Italian heavyweight champion, Giovanni Calabrese, to win an event which he was instrumental in setting up in 1993 to raise funds for potential international scullers.

Haining, and those opposing him and sometimes beating him, seem to have brought a new dimension to long-distance sculling. In the past, a close-fought lengthy side-by-side sculling contest was a rarity, but not the race on Saturday.

Hall-Craggs and Haining took the initiative from the start and, by the mile, Calabrese and outsider, Chris Bullis, were four lengths astern. Bullis stopped before Hammersmith, but the Italian, at a controlled rate, lost no more ground as Hall-Craggs, with some clever steering, just led Haining.

Calabrese, on Surrey, pushed hard along Chiswick Eyot, and, by the crossing after Chiswick Steps, Haining was marginally ahead. The Scotsman, on Middlesex, 15 kilos lighter than both his rivals, had pole position and used it.

Calabrese, with only two days' practice on the tricky course, went wide in overtaking Hall-Craggs while approaching Barnes Bridge where Haining led by two lengths. He maintained this to the line where he said: "I was tasting blood in the last 200 metres and Giovanni was still coming at me."

Haining's coach, Miles Thomas, had told him to "be clever with it" after his recent illness and lack of boat training, but the Scotsman revels in the pain of competition. He recuperated, dressed in the cap and braces of a 19th-century Clyde waterman, with a permitted pint of Guinness.

RESULT: 1, P Haining (Scot) 21min 40sec, 2, G Calabrese (It), 21:45, 3, W Hall-Craggs (Eng), 21:50

Intermediate times and leaders:
The Mile: Hall-Craggs 4:43; Hammersmith Bridge: Hall-Craggs, 8:31; Chiswick Steps: Haining 13:23, Barnes Bridge: Haining, 17:56.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

CARDIFF: British Veterans cross country relay championships: Men (4x6km): 1, Swansea 1hr 20min 50sec; 2, Aldershot, Farnham & District 1:33:02; 3, Birchfield 1 33 19.

BRISTOL: Ron Hill Mike Sully cross country international: Men (5 miles): 1, J Nibor (Kenya) 23min 52sec; 2, R Nerurkar (England/Bingley) 23:57; 3, A Passey (England/Bromsgrove) 24:07. Teams: 1, Kenya 30 pts; 2, England 41; 3, Bristol 76; 4, Wales 115. Women (2.5 miles): 1, N Lynch (Oxford Univ) 13:26; 2, S Barbour (Birchfield) 13:30; 3, L Morton (Westbury) 13:48; 4, S Chipkon (Kenya) 13:51. Teams: 1, Westbury 132; 2, Oxford University 33; 3, Royal Air Force 75.

BADMINTON

BANGKOK: Open tournament: Men: Semi-finals: J Suprianto (Indo) bt D Jiong (China) 15-6, 15-0; Sun Jun (China) bt L Liwen (China) 15-11, 15-1. Final: Suprianto bt Sun Jun 10-15, 15-11, 15-5. Women: Semi-finals: S Susanti (Indo) bt H Jingna (China) 11-7, 11-2; Lim Xiao Qing (Swe) bt Y Yan (China) 11-7, 11-4. Final: Susanti bt Lim Xiao Qing 11-5, 12-10.

BASKETBALL

NBA: Detroit 114 Atlanta 109 (OT); Cleveland 116 Charlotte 107; Indiana 112 Boston 103; Orlando 122 Philadelphia 107; Houston 115 Minnesota 95; Washington 100 Chicago 99; Dallas 112 New Jersey 103; Milwaukee 97 LA Lakers 96; Golden State 108 Denver 104; Portland 112 LA Clippers 95; Seattle 110 Utah 103.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Worthing 73 (Harned 31, Lewis 18, Scott 8) Sheffield 79 (Finch 20, Huggins 18, Gayle 17); Sunderland 71 (Douglas 19, Hopper 15, Graham 11) Leopards 127 (Youngblood 24, Pohl 22, Brown 21).

7UP Trophy: Manchester 111 (Robinson 24, Blucas/Gordon 22) Chester 50 (Snead 15, Parry/Gardner 9).

BOWLS

UNITY LIBERTY TROPHY: First round: Buckinghamshire 114 Hampshire 113; Cornwall 106 Somerset 113; Derbyshire 90 Yorkshire 151; Gloucestershire 89 Devon 134; Herefordshire 98 Dorset 123; Hertfordshire 107 Berkshire 118; Lancashire 92 Nottinghamshire 112; Leicestershire 90 Durham 127; Norfolk 143 Lincolnshire 94; Northamptonshire 139 Bedfordshire 89; Northumberland 125 Cumbria 128; Suffolk 110 Essex 111; Surrey 107 Kent 118; Sussex 125 Middlesex 95; Warwickshire 108 Cambridgeshire 131; Worcestershire 112 Wiltshire 121.

HONG KONG: Tournament: Quarter-finals: A Blair (Scot) bt R Brassey (NZ) 25-11; N Kennedy (HK) bt O Adem (HK) 25-8; G Lawson (NZ) bt D Piketh (SA) 25-13; Boettger bt S Lo (HK) 25-12. Semi-finals: Kennedy bt Blair 25-17; Boettger bt Lawson 25-23. Final: Kennedy bt Boettger 25-20.

AFAN LIDO: Women's indoor Test match: Wales bt Guernsey 17-5. Singles: B Morgan bt J Bagtin 21-17; J Ackland bt J Nicolle 21-12; V Howell bt A Simon 21-18; N Shipperlee bt C Le Poidevin 21-12; L Evans bt J Martell 21-14; A Mullins bt K Renouf 21-16.

GREENGAUGE WELSH INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Cardiff bt Vale of Glamorgan 120-113 (18-4); Llanelli bt Port Talbot 143-91 (20-2); Torfaen bt Newport 118-112 (18-4); Earlswood bt Swansea 118-99 (17-5); Rhondda bt Taff-Ely 134-88 (21-1); Ogwr bt Pembrokeshire 130-103 (16-4); Bro Ddyfi bt Severn Valley 134-98 (20-2); Flint bt Sealand 142-96 (19-3).

BOXING

LAS VEGAS: International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Association heavyweight championships (12 rnds): G Foreman (US, challenger) bt M Moorer (US) ko 10th rnd.

CALETA OLIVIA, Argentina: World Boxing Association middleweight championship: J Castro (Arg, holder) bt A Ramos (US) ko 2nd rnd.

CHIANG RAI, Thailand: World Boxing Federation heavyweight championship (12 rnds): J Nelson (GB, holder) bt N Kulpin (Kaz) pts. World Boxing Federation junior bantamweight championship: Samson Elee-gym (Thai) bt H Gala (Indo) rsc 6th rnd.

BANGKOK: World Boxing Association minimum-weight championship (12 rounds): Chana Por Pao (Thai) bt M Herrera (Dom Rep) pts.

CRICKET

HARARE: One-day international
Zimbabwe v Sri Lanka

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama lbw b Brain	40
S T Jayasuriya c A Flower b Brain	11
A P Gurusinha c A Flower b Whittall	25
P A de Silva not out	107
*A Ranatunga c G Flower b Brain	85
R Kalpage not out	12
Extras (lb 6, w 10)	16
Total (4 wkts)	296

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-76, 3-106, 4-249.

†H P Tillekeratne, M Muralitharan, G P Wickremasinghe, U C J Vaas and R Pushpakumara did not bat.

BOWLING: Streak 10-1-40-0; Brain 10-0-67-3; Rennie 7-0-60-0; Whittall 7-0-43-1; Peall 8-0-41-0; G Flower 3-0-13-0; Campbell 3-0-14-0; Dekker 2-0-12-0.

ZIMBABWE

*A Flower c Muralitheran b Pushpakumara	8
†G W Flower c Tillekeratne b Vaas	0
A D R Campbell c Mahanama b Vaas	2
D L Houghton lbw b Pushpakumara	0
M H Dekker ret	23
G J Whittall c Gurusinha b Pushpakumara	7
W R James run out	29
H H Streak run out	8
D H Brain b Muralitheran	0
J Rennie not out	20
S G Peall b Wickremasinghe	2
Extras (lb-3, nb-2, w-1)	6
Total (9 wkts, 48.1 overs)	105

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-9, 3-9, 4-11, 5-22, 6-69, 7-70, 8-86, 9-93.

BOWLING: Vaas 7-2-12-2; Pushpakumara 9-1-25-3; Wickremasinghe 9-1-17-1; Muralitheran 10-0-21-1; Kalpage 10-1-21-0; Jayasuriya 2-1-2-0; Tillekeratne 1-0-1-0; Mahanama 0.1-0-3-0.

Sri Lanka win series 2-1.

SYDNEY: Sheffield Shield (third day of four): Tasmania 457-5 dec; Western Australia 502-6 (T Moody 272, D Martyn 113, B Hogg 59 not out).

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: Barnsley RC Supercross (Dearne Valley Country Pk, 12 miles): 1, M Seddon (Ace RT), 54min 0sec; 2, A Timms (Team Raleigh), same time; 3, C Young (Muddy Fox), at 1sec. Colchester Rovers (Mistley, Essex, 9 miles): 1, K Burton (CRD-Biketrax), 56:33; 2, C Thompson (Octagon VC), at 1:02; 3, C Morgan (CC Romford), at 3:32. Bristol RC (Ashton Court Scramble, 7 miles): 1, T Locke (Severn RC), 59:58; 2, J Richardson (Team Bike Bristol), at 3:22; 3, I Tremlett (Avon and Somerset Police CC), at 4:03. Kennoway RC (Glenrothes, Fife, 12 miles): 1, D Whitehead (GS Corsa), 1.06.45; 2, G Grant (Cairngorm CC), at 1:52; 3, J Moston (Crewe Clarion Wheelers), at 3.16. Belper RC (Derby, 8.5 miles): 1, D Cook (Team Orange), 46:59; 2, A Timms (Raleigh), at 18sec; 3, J Taylor (Beeston RC), at 1:02. Kirkby CC (Liverpool, 12 miles): 1, P Whatmough (ABC Centreville), 52:57; 2, R Hunt (Bolton Mountain Bikes), at 1 02; 3, M Bethell (Macclesfield Wheelers), at 3:50. Aerobicentre Series (Brentwood Pk, Essex, 10.5 miles): 1, G Williams (CC Romford), 1 08.29; 2, P Burwell (Finsbury Pk CC), at 1:23; 3, G Bores (Southend and County Wheelers), at 8.41.

HILL CLIMBS: Sussex CA (Kithurst Hill, Storrington, 1km): 1, R Homer (Fareham Wheelers), 3:55 62; 2, P James (Crawley Wheelers), 4:04 84; 3, M Muzio (Worthing Excelsior), 4:08 11. Team: VC Etoile, 13:27.08.

Essex and Suffolk Border Combine (Semer Hill, Hadleigh, Suffolk, 500 yd): 1, M Jay (CC Sudbury), 53.6; 2, B McDonald (RT East), 53.8; 3, K Richardson (VC Slough), 55.2. Team: CC Sudbury, 2:56.2.

EQUESTRIANISM

AMSTERDAM: Volvo World Cup qualifier: 1, L Beerbaum (Ger), Spreehe Rebna Z, 31 87sec; 2, J Lansink (Hol) Bollvorm's Libero H, 32.63; 3, M Robert (Fr), Miss Fan Patrigmno, 34 56.

FOOTBALL

BENIN CITY: African Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Bendel Insurance (Nigeria) 4 St Denis (Reunion) 1 (Bendel win 4-2 on agg).

GOLF

BALI, Indonesia: Men's tournament: Final scores: 277: J Kay (Can) 73, 66, 66, 72. 278: Patrick Burke (US) 68, 70, 70, 70. 279: V Singh (Fiji) 75, 70, 67, 67. 280: C Montgomerie (GB) 68, 75, 71, 66; T Price (Aus) 71, 73, 68, 68; C Parry (Aus) 70, 67, 71, 72. 281: N Van Rensburg (SA) 69, 73, 70, 69; M Campbell (NZ) 71, 70, 69, 71; D Frost (SA) 70, 70, 70, 71. 282: M Cunning (US) 67, 74, 71, 70; K Jong Duck (S Kor) 74, 69, 70, 69. 283: P Devenport (NZ) 70, 73, 73, 67; J O'Keefe (US) 69, 72, 72, 70. 284: T Gale (Aus) 67, 76, 75, 66; P O'Malley (Aus) 73, 69, 75, 67; T Carolan (Aus) 70, 74, 71, 69; D Podlich (Aus) 73, 73, 67, 71; I (Indo) 70, 71, 70, 73. 285: R Willis (Aus) 73, 69, 72, 71; M Stevens (Aus) 70, 72, 70, 73; M Clayton (Aus) 71, 71, 71, 72; A Stoltz (Aus) 69, 73, 66, 77. 286: M King (Aus) 71, 74, 73, 68; S Owen (NZ) 70, 74, 71, 71; H Yu Shu (Taiw) 72, 72, 71, 71; G Joyner (Aus) 70, 73, 71, 72. 287: S Tait (Aus) 69, 73, 74, 71; R Swanson (Aus) 68, 74, 72, 73.

Disqualified: Nick Faldo (GB).

BRASELTON: Men's tournament: Third round scores: 204: F Funk (US) 69, 69, 66. 206: M Jiménez (Sp) 72, 66, 68. 207: T Sieckmann (US) 67, 69, 71. 208: E Els (SA) 67, 73, 68. 210: M Calcavecchia (US) 69, 73, 68; C Mason (GB) 72, 70, 68. 211: D Clarke (GB) 69, 73, 69; J Haeggman (Swe) 72, 70, 69; M McNulty (Zim) 71, 67, 73. 212: J Parnevik (Swe) 65, 76, 71; C Rocca (It) 73, 72, 67; M Roe (GB) 69, 72, 71. 213: A Johnstone (Zim) 71, 72, 70; E Romero (Arg) 69, 73, 71. 214: S Elkington (Aus) 74, 67, 73; G Norquist (US) 73, 68, 73. 215: F Nobilo (NZ) 74, 70, 71; I Woosnam (GB) 72, 71, 72. 216: E Aubrey (US) 74, 69, 73; L Janzen (US) 70, 75, 71; B Watts (US) 71, 69, 76. 217: P Fowler (Aus) 72, 74, 71; B Israelson (US) 72, 75, 70; B Jobe (US) 71, 72, 74; P Price (GB) 74, 71, 72; G Turner (NZ) 74, 72, 71; C Whitelaw (SA) 69, 76, 72. 218: P Mitchell (GB) 70, 73, 75; A Saavedra (Chile) 71, 74, 73; C Stadler (US) 71, 78, 69. 219: A Forsbrand (Swe) 74, 71, 74; P Martinez (Para) 74, 74, 71; P Nyman (Swe) 71, 74, 74. 220: G Brand Jr (GB) 70, 75, 75; G Fieger (US) 73, 72, 75; T Gillis (US) 76, 70, 74; G Webb (US) 71, 74, 75. 221: M Piltz (Fin) 68, 76, 77. 222: R Frates (Para) 74, 72, 76; R Parker (US) 72, 77, 73; J Spence (GB) 76, 74, 72. 223: P Carman (GB) 75, 76, 72; C Jones (Aus) 77, 72, 74; J Lewis (US) 79, 69, 75; C Maltman (GB) 73, 75, 75; G Manson (GB) 73, 74, 76. 224: F Edmonds (Can) 75, 75, 74; C Post (Den) 74, 73, 77. 225: D Barnes (Aus) 72, 78, 75; J Cooper (US) 78, 72, 75; P Moloney (Aus) 78, 75, 72; J Wagner (Aus) 75, 76, 74. 227: J Amaya (Col) 78, 72, 77.

HAWAII: Men's tournament: Third round scores (US unless stated): 208: B Gilder 70, 67, 71. 209: F Couples 66, 71, 72. 210: B Lane (GB) 72, 67, 71. 211: T Lehman 66, 69, 76; J McGovern 66, 73, 72; K Clearwater 72, 67, 72. 213: J Delsing 72, 67, 74. 214: B Crenshaw 71, 73, 70; B Glasson 74, 67, 73; D Love 72, 69, 73; J Cook 71, 69, 74. 215: P Jacobsen 71, 72, 72; G McCord 66, 79, 70. 216: G Day 72, 71, 73; S Torrance (GB) 68, 74, 74; B Lohr 72, 70, 74; J Nicklaus 69, 71, 76; D Waldorf 69, 72, 75; K Triplett 68, 72, 76. 217: C Dennis 68, 75, 74; E Humenik 68, 74, 75.

TOKYO: Men's tournament: Final scores (Japanese unless stated): 270: M Ozaki 65, 72, 70, 63. 285: F Zoeller (US) 74, 73, 70, 68. 288: T Hamilton (US) 68, 76, 71, 71; E Herrera (Col) 70, 74, 71, 71. 287: C Tze-ming (Taiw) 69, 80, 67, 71; M Kuramoto 75, 70, 70, 72; C Warren (Aus) 74, 73, 68, 72; C Franco (Par) 73, 72, 70, 72. 288: T Nakajima 70, 76, 74, 68; R Backwell (Aus) 74, 72, 71, 71; P McWhinney (Aus) 69, 76, 69, 74. Selected scores: 290: R Estes (US) 74, 75, 72, 69. 291: M Reid (US) 72, 74, 68, 77. 293: L Chie-hsiung (Taiw) 73, 76, 75, 69; J Sluman (US) 70, 70, 78, 75; G Marsh (Aus) 71, 75, 73, 74. 294: W Smith (Aus) 75, 74, 75, 70. 295: R Gibson (Can) 70, 79, 72, 74. 297: C Tze-ming (Taiw) 75, 76, 75, 71; J Woodland (Aus) 74, 77, 73, 73; A Gilligan (Aus) 75, 74, 73, 75. 298: R Boxall (GB) 71, 79, 77, 71; W Grady (Aus) 78, 74, 74, 72; F Minoza (Phil) 74, 78, 70, 76. 299: G Hollberg (US) 70, 79, 73, 77.

GYMNASTICS

PORTSMOUTH: Junior women's international: Great Britain 183 Romania 195. Individual: 1, C Ungureanu (Rom) 38.97pts; 2, M Tugurlan (Rom) 38.965; 3, A Manescu (Rom) 38.845.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Sheffield 3 Cardiff 6.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Basingstoke 3 Bracknell 4; Fife 14 Humberside 4; Nottingham 8 Milton Keynes 3. First Division: Chelmsford 7 Trafford 8; Dumfries 5 Teesside 3; Guildford 7 Blackburn 5; Medway 9 Paisley 12; Romford 3 Solihull 12; Swindon 5 Slough 6; Telford 23 Lee Valley 5.

ICE SKATING

RED DEER, Canada: Skate Canada tournament: Men: Final: 1, E Stojko (Can) 1.5pts; 2, M Shmerkin (Isr) 4.5; 3, S Britten (Can) 6.0; 4, D Dmitrenko (Ukr) 6.0; 5, M Chack (US) 6.5. Women: Final: 1, K Czako (Hun) 2.0pts; 2, L Hubert (Fr) 3.5; 3, J Mills (US) 5.5; 4, M Kielmann (Ger) 6.0; 5, A Derochie (Can) 7.0.

LACROSSE

SENIOR FLAGS: First round: Mellor 7 Ashton-under-Lyne 6; Sale 9 O Waconians 10; Heaton Mersey 7 Stockport 13.

ESHER: South junior women's county tournament: Under-18: 1, Surrey; 2, Middlesex; 3, Sussex. Under-18, B-teams: 1, Middlesex; 2, Surrey; 3, Sussex. Under-15: 1, Surrey; 2, Middlesex; 3, Sussex.

NETBALL

WEMBLEY: Second international: England 36 South Africa 55.

REAL TENNIS

MORETON MORRELL: National club handicap championship: Singles: Quarter-finals: J Miller (Moreton Morrell II) bt J Snow (Queens) 6-5; P Paterson (Petworth) bt R Allsop (Leamington) 6-3, A Seymour-Mead (Moreton Morrell) bt A Roberts-Miller (Oxford Univ) 6-3, M Beard (Oratory) bt J Morris (Oxford Seniors) 6-0. Doubles: Quarter-finals: M McMurrugh and G Hayward (Seacourt) bt R Wright and S Watson (Oratory) 6-1; M Fairbams and C Fuente (Petworth) bt C Ward and W Husselby (Leamington) 6-4, H Birts and J Willcocks (Oxford Univ) bt B Sharp and Hon J Cornwallis (MCC) 6-4, D McDonald and C Miscewsca bt A Hamilton and R Seymour-Mead (Moreton Morrell II) 6-2. Semi-finals: McMurrugh and Hayward bt Fairbams and Fuente 6-3, McDonald and Miscewsca bt Birts and Willcocks 6-4.

SHINTY

MACTAVISH CUP: First round: Caberfeidh 3 Strathglass 5, Fort William 5 Glengarry 1, Kilmallie 3 Lochaber 2; Kingussie 4 Newtonmore 2; Kinlochshiel 3 Inverness 5, Lochcarron 4 Glenurquhart 1, Skye 4 Beauly 3. GLASGOW CELTIC SOCIETY CUP: First round: Glenorchy 4 Strachur 2, Oban Celtic 6 Glasgow University 0; Oban Camanachd 15 Bute 0; Ballachulish 0 Inveraray 5; Edinburgh University 0 Kilmory 6. STRATHDEARN CUP: First round: Beauly 6 Caberfeidh 4; Boleskine 4 Lochaber 4, Glenurquhart 2 Aberdeen University 3; Lochbroom 2 Kincraig 3; Lovat 0 Kingussie 2.

COLIN TRAIVE CUP: First round: Furnace 0 Oban Celtic 3; Kyles Athletic 9 Musselburgh 0.

SHOOTING

ALDERSLEY: Staffs Open Airgun Meeting: Rifle Aggregate: 1, I Potts (Ham and Petersham) 1,166pts; 2, A Rawles (Henley Arden) 1,155; 3, A Lawrence (Montgomery) 1,154. Women: H Jones (Lichfield) 1,151. Junior: B Griffin (Blackburn) 1,119. Pistol Aggregate: 1, R Nagle (Ham and Petersham) 1,141; 2, A Wilkins (Basingstoke) 1,140; 3, T Haynes (Birmingham) 1,111. Women: J Wood (Weston-super-Mare) 1,103. Junior: C Tams (Henley Arden) 1,078. Invitation Olympic Finals: Rifle: 1, Lawrence 681; 2, Potts 689.5; 3, Miss H Jones 676.7. Pistol: 1, Nagle 668.3; 2, Wilkins 660.7; 3, Haynes 660 4.

MERE: Naval Air Command Open Rifle: Grand Aggregate: 1, N Ball (RN) 408 33; 2, I Davison (Dorset) 493.38; 3, R Betts (Manydown) 402 39. Barbour Aggregate: Class X: Davidson 166 16. Class O: M Reid (Somerset) 162.7. Class T: S Walmsley (RN) 160.11. 300, 500 and 600 yds (15 shots): 1, Betts 216.24; 2, Ball 216 16; 3 Davison 213.21. Langport Cup (Teams): 1, Naval Air 735.52; 2, Somerset 697.38.

SNOOKER

EDINBURGH: Benson And Hedges: Quarter-finals: R Lawler (Eng) bt R Hull (Fin) 5-2; M Stevens (Wales) bt A Robidoux (Can) 5-1; J Burnett (Scot) bt M Clark (Eng) 5-3; M Williams (Wales) bt J Ferguson (Eng) 5-2. Semi-final: Lawler bt Stevens 6-3, Williams bt Burnett 6-5.

SQUASH

HALIFAX: Inter-county men's championship. Premier group: Yorkshire 3 Sussex 2; Cheshire [illegible] Notts 2; [illegible] Notts 0; Yorkshire [illegible] Cheshire [illegible] Cheshire [illegible] Sussex 2; Sussex 5 Notts 2.

TENNIS

TELFORD: National championships. Men: Quarter-finals: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt [illegible] Weal (Hampshire and IoW) 6-3, 6-3; J Bates (Surrey) bt G Henderson (Yorkshire) 5-4, 6-3; J Delgado (Warwickshire) bt T Spinks (Norfolk) 6-2, 7-6; M Maclagan (W Scot) bt M Petchey (Essex) 7-6, 6-3. Semi-finals: Maclagan bt Delgado 7-6, 6-4; Bates bt Sapsford 6-1, 6-2. Final: Bates bt Maclagan 6-4, 6-2. Women: Semi-finals: J Ward (Du[illegible]) and Cleve[illegible] bt C Wood (Sussex) 6-3, [illegible]; K Hand (Berks) bt S-A Siddall (Dorset) 1-6, 7-5, 8-6.

PARIS: Men's indoor tournament: Semi-finals: M Rosset (Switz) bt M Chang (US) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; A Agassi (US) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-4, 6-4. Final: Agassi bt Rosset 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

MONTEVIDEO: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Berasategui (Sp) bt G Schaller (Austria) 7-5, 2-6, 6-3; F Clavet (Sp) bt M Filippini (Ur) 7-5, 6-3.

OAKLAND: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt Z Garrison Jackson (US) 6-3, 6-3; D Graham (US) bt J Watanabe (US) 6-0, 6-2; L Davenport (US) bt A Huber (Ger) 6-2, 6-2. Semi-finals: M Navratilova (US) bt Graham 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; Sanchez Vicario bt Davenport 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

QUEBEC: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: K Maleeva (Bul) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-4, 5-7, 7-5; B Schultz (Hol) bt L Harvey-Wild (US) 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; C Rubin (US) bt P Hy (Can) 6-4, 7-6; N Tauziat (Fr) bt E Reinach (SA) 6-2, 6-[illegible]. Semi-finals: Schultz bt Tauziat 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; Maleeva bt Rubin (US) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

VOLLEYBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Men: First round, first leg: Salonit Nova Gorica (Slovenia) 3 Glasgow Ragazzi 0 (15-5, 15-5, 15-9).

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: T Blantyre 2 Kilmarnock 3 (2-15, 9-15, 17-15, 15-11, 14-16); MCA Cardinals 2 Dundee 3 (15-12, 16-14, 12-15, 4-15, 13-15); Paisley Trailblazers 1 McGregor Glazing 3 (16-14, 6-15, 6-15, 14-16); Team Fife 1 Rucanor Jets 3 (10-15, 15-7, 10-15, 12-15). WOMEN: First division, Team Blantyre U News Ayrshire Kyle 3 (8-15, 10-15, 7-15); Grangeburn Coaches 0 MCA Powerhouse Cardinals 3 (3-15, 7-15, 10-15); Parsley Facers 1 Hazlehead 3 (15-11, 6-15, 11-15, 8-15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Bradford 40 Sheffield 4

Bradford: Tries: Dixon, Fraisse, Hall, Medley, Myers, Newlove, Russell. Goals: Fox 6. Sheffield: Try: Carr. Att: 4,786.

Castleford 26 Widnes 6

Castleford: Tries: Eden 2, Blackmore. Goals: Crooks 7. Widnes: Try: Spruce. Goal: K Hammond. Att: 4,174.

Halifax 34 Oldham 8

Halifax: Tries: Schuster 2, Bentley, Preston, Smith. Goals: Schuster 7. Oldham: Tries: Abram, Temo. Att: 5,691.

Leeds 42 Workington 16

Leeds: Tries: Schofield 2, Tait 2, Eyres, Fallon, Lowes, Mercer. Goals: Cook 5. Workington: Tries: Drummond, Fawcett, Holgate. Goals: Marwood 2. Att: 10,044.

Warrington 22 Hull 8

Warrington: Tries: Barlow, Darbyshire, Forster, Harris. Goals: Harris 3. Hull: Goals: Smith 3, Hewitt. Att: 4,842.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	10	10	0	0	396	136	20
Bradford	12	9	0	3	326	191	18
Leeds	11	8	1	2	296	187	17
Halifax	10	8	0	2	334	143	16
Warrington	11	7	1	3	302	143	15
Castleford	11	7	1	3	315	214	15
St Helens	10	7	1	2	291	207	15
Doncaster	10	4	0	6	157	267	8
Widnes	11	4	0	7	145	292	8
Featherstn	10	3	1	6	202	223	7
Salford	11	3	1	7	241	279	7
Oldham	11	3	1	7	196	307	7
Sheffield	11	3	0	8	183	264	6
Wakefield	11	3	0	8	131	324	6
Workington	11	2	0	9	134	345	4
Hull	11	1	1	9	168	295	3

SECOND DIVISION: Dewsbury 18 Bramley 20; Huddersfield 15 Batley 14; Hull KR 78 Highfield 4; Hunslet 13 Leigh 4; London Broncos 23 Carlisle 16; Rochdale 32 Barrow 6; Ryedale York 52 Swinton 6; Whitehaven 8 Keighley 38.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	11	9	1	1	376	130	19
Dewsbury	11	8	0	3	337	171	16
Batley	11	8	0	3	259	150	16
London B	12	8	0	4	271	187	16
Hull K R	11	7	0	4	391	118	14
Huddersfld	11	7	0	4	284	165	14
Whitehaven	11	7	0	4	244	226	14
Ryedale Y	11	6	1	4	312	199	13
Leigh	11	6	0	5	275	308	12
Rochdale	12	6	0	6	303	249	12
Swinton	11	5	0	6	202	318	10
Hunslet	11	4	0	7	187	371	8
Bramley	11	3	0	8	197	231	6
Carlisle	11	3	0	8	199	361	6
Barrow	11	1	0	10	139	370	2
Highfield	11	0	0	11	58	580	0

HOCKEY

BRUSSELS: Four-nations' tournament: England 2 Spain 1, Belgium 1 Holland 8, England 4 Belgium 0, Holland 2 Spain 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	3	3	0	0	14	2	6
England	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Spain	3	1	0	2	5	5	2
Belgium	3	0	0	3	2	16	0

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

LEAGUE CUP: First division: Pool A: Bournville 1 Cannock 1, Stourport 1 Hull 0. Pool B: Canterbury 6 East Grinstead 0; Guildford 4 Teddington 3. Pool C: Hounslow 3 Indian Gymkhana 1, O Loughtonians 2 Southgate 0. Pool D: Reading 3 Slough 1, Firebrands 2 Havant 4. Second division: Barford Tigers 2 Beeston 3, Bromley 3 Edgbaston 0, Crosby 1 Hampstead and Westminster 1, Doncaster 4 Whitchurch 1, Gloucester City 2 St Albans 4, Harleston Magpies 1 Sheffield 0, Isca 0 Cambridge City 0, Neston 0 Brooklands 1, Richmond 2 Oxford University 0.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Bishops Stortford 1 Redbridge and Ilford 5, Blueharts 1 Ipswich 3, Cambridge Univ 3 Colchester 2, Chelmsford 2 Peterborough Town 1, Luton 0 Dereham 1. Premier division B: Bedford 2 Westcliff 1, Ipswich and E Suffolk 1 Bury St Edmunds 2, Norwich City 0 O Southendian 1, Pelicans 1 Stevenage 1, Sudbury 3 Romford 1.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 3 Timperley 3; Blackburn 1 Hightown-Northern 1, Formby 5 Warrington 2, Harrogate 0 Norton 0, Southport 5 Stockton 2.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath Buccaneers 2 Hereford 1, Plymouth 1 Weston-super-Mare 1, Swansea 1 Cheltenham 0, Taunton Vale 2 West Glos 1; West Wilts 1 Exeter Univ 3.

DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE LEAGUE: Premier division: Hampton In Arden 3 North Notts 1, Harborne 4 Leicester Westleigh 1, Khalsa 1 Bloxwich 2, Lichfield 1 Belper 4, Olton and West Warwickshire 4 Nottingham 0.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier league: Ashford 2 Fareham 0, Chichester 4 Staines 1, City Of Portsmouth 2 Oxford Hawks 0, High Wycombe 2 Maidenhead 0, Lyons 1 O Kingstonians 1, O Walcountians 1 Gore Court 2, Wimbledon 3 Anchorians 1, Winchester 2 Dulwich 1, Woking 1 O Whitgiftians 1. Regionals: Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes 2 Fleet 0, Bournemouth 3 Petersfield 0, Camberley 1 Basingstoke 1, Cheam 2 Oxted 3; Lensbury 3 Merton 0, O Edwardians 4 Hamble O B 1, Purley 4 O Mid Whitgiftians 3, Wayfridge Hawks 0 Crefton 1. Abandoned: Epsom v Southampton Tauntonians. Kent/Sussex: Belvedere 3 Bognor 2, Greenwich 3 Tulse Hill 3, Horsham 1 Blackheath 3, Marden Russets 6 Crawley 2, Middleton 2 Horne Bay 3, Mid Sussex 0 Beckenham 3, O Bordenians 3 Gravesend 0, O Holcombeians 3 Brighton 1, O Williamsonians 1 Bexleyheath 1, Sevenoaks 1 Tunbridge Wells 1. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Amersham 3 OMT 1, Aylesbury 0 Richings Park 3, Bracknell 0 Newbury 3, City Of Oxford 1 Milton Keynes 0, Eastcote 3 Mill Hill 0, Headington 0 PHC Chiswick 2, Hendon 2 HCC 1; Sunbury 2 Marlow 0, Wokingham 0 Ramgarhia 1.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION: Balsam Leicester 0 Ipswich 1, Clifton 2 Bracknell 0, Hightown 4 Chelmsford 1, Slough 3 First Personnel Sutton Coldfield 1. First division: Blueharts 0 Trojans 3; Bradford Swithenbank 0 Canterbury 0, Exmouth 2 Ealing 1; Wimbledon 0 Doncaster 1. Second division: Pickwick 1 Great Harwood 2; Loughborough 3 Olton 0, Sunderland Bedans 2 St Albans 0, Woking 1 Sherwood 1.

WELSH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Colwyn Bay 0 Swansea 10; Haverfordwest 8 Aberystwyth Univ 0; Wrexham 3 Llanfair 0. Postponed: Newtown v Cardiff Ath, Penarth v Newport.

EAST LEAGUE: Cambridge C 2 Harleston M 1, O Loughtonians 1 Bedeyheath 0, Sevenoaks 0 Saracens 2; Welwyn GC 1 Redbridge 0.

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Aldridge 1 Kettering 0, Crimson R 4 Peveril 0; Hampton 3 Belper 0, Wolverhampton 1 Tamworth; Standings 1 Hampton 13 2 Aldridge 13 3 Kettering 9.

NORTH LEAGUE: Chester 0 Dom Valley 1; Newcastle 1 Crosby 0; Poynton 2 Ormskirk Ford 0. Postponed: Liverpool v York.

SOUTH LEAGUE: City of Portsmouth 0 Southampton 1, Ealing 1 Hendon 0; Guildford 0 Dulwich 2; Havant 0 Winchester 1; West Witney 0 Reading 4, Worthing 1 Winchmore Hill 1.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bournemouth 3 Clifton 0, St Austell 1 Colwall 2; Gloucester 1 Yate 1, East Gloucs 1 Lansdown 1, Weston-super-Mare 0 Redland 5, Plymouth 0 Cheltenham 1, Wimborne Waylarers 2 Leominster 2.

SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Cwmlawe 1 Llan and Llan 0; St Fagan's 0 Cardiff 1.

AEWHA CUP: Second round: Anchorians 3 Sonning 0, Barnes 0 Redridge and Ilford 3; Bedford 1 Pelicans 0, Belvedere 1 Sunbury 1 (Belvedere won 3-2 on pens), Brentwood 0 Harleston Magpies 4, Bromley 1 Letchworth 1 (Bromley won 3-1 on pens), Broxbourne 1 Famborough 1 (Famborough won 5-4 on pens), Buckingham 1 Basingstoke 3, Cambridge City 1 Dereham 1 (Dereham 4-2 on pens), Charnwood 2 Bloomsfield 0; Cheltenham 2 Lillington Warwick 0; City Of Oxford 4 Winchester 0, City Of Portsmouth 1 Weston 0; Crosby 1 Ormskirk Ford 2; Eastcote 0 United Services Portsmouth 0 (United Services won 5-4 on pens), Edgbaston 0 Holmes Chapel 4; Green Dragons 1 St Austell 3; Guildford 0 O Loughtonians 1; Hampton-in-Arden 2 Chester 0; Hendon 1 Ashford 0; Leighton Buzzard 1 Tulse Hill 6, Loughborough 0 Saracens 0 (Loughborough won 3-2 on pens), Luton Town 3 Colchester 2, Maidenhead 2 Bishops Stortford 1, Matlock Batleans 3 Crimson Ramblers 2; Newcastle 4 Norton 0; Oxford Hawks 1 Newbury 1 (Newbury won 3-2 on pens), Rosebery 1 Leyland Motors 2, Sevenoakes 0 Dulwich 1, Sheffield 0 Worksop 0 (Worksop won 3-2 on pens), Shipston-On-Stour 2 Colwall 5, Southampton 2 West Witney 2 (Southampton won 5-4 on pens), Southgate 2 Spencer 0, Staines 1 Deal 1 (Staines won 4-2 on pens), St Agnes 1 Penzance 5, Tring 3 Epsom 1, Welton 4 Whitley Bay 1, West Bromwich 1 Deeside Ramblers 5; Wigan 2 North Staffs 1, Winnington Park 0 Aldridge 1.

SCHOOLS SPORT



Emma Awad, left, of Hertfordshire, challenges Hannah Michael, of Buckinghamshire in their Under-16 county match at Hitchin yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

RUGBY UNION

DAILY MAIL UNDER-18 CUP
John Fisher 3 Eltham 3
(Eltham win as away team)

OTHER MATCHES
Aylesbury 22 Desborough 3
Bishop Veysey's 6 Kings Worcester 42
Bishop Wordsworth's 15 Chichester HS 17
Bishop's Stortford College 0 Watford GS 10
Bristol GS 13 Clifton 10
Christ's, Brecon 21 King's, Taunton 17
Christ's Hospital 15 George Heriot's, Edinburgh 0
Clifton 8 Redingensians 3
Cranleigh 9 Epsom 9
Dulwich 9 King's, Canterbury 5
Durham 8 Rossall 14
Eastbourne 13 Brighton 5
Guildford RGS 24 Colfe's 0
Haileybury 11 Tonbridge 23
Harrogate GS 5 Yarm 25
Harrow 14 Wellington, Berks 10
Ipswich 10 Perse 0
Judd 7 St Dunstan's 22
Kelly 26 Tavistock 6
King Edward's, Birmingham 30 Warwick 3
King Edward's, Lytham 11 Cowley 5
King's, Bruton 5 King Edward's, Bath 27
Leeds GS 7 RGS Newcastle 5
Lord Wandsworth 36 Churchers 0
Loretto 17 Edinburgh Academy 25
Monkton Combe 13 Kingswood 8
Nottingham HS 13 QEGS Wakefield 19
Oratory 18 London Oratory 11
Pate's GS 24 Marling 12
Plymouth 0 Millfield 59
Portsmouth GS 21 Brighton 15
Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 10 Bedford Modern 36
Queen's, Taunton 10 Queen Elizabeth HS, Bristol 20
Royal Hospital, Ipswich 0 Coopers Coburn 30
St Albans 6 Bancroft 14
St Edward's 10 St Anselm's 3
St George's, Harpenden 40 Richard Hale 0
St John's, Southsea 21 King Edward VI, Southampton 0
St Olave's 34 Maidstone 3
Sedbergh 0 Uppingham 20
Sevenoaks 6 St Paul's 7
Sherborne 9 Downside 9
Solihull 20 Loughborough GS 10
Stockport GS 17 Wirral 3
Stonyhurst 20 Ampleforth 8
Tiffin 11 Reigate GS 3
Truro 28 Shebbear 0
University Coll 18 Berkhamsted 6
Whitgift 13 KCS 9
Wimbledon 3 St Benedict's 19
Woodbridge 22 Wymondham 10
Worth 11 St George's, Weybridge 19

FOOTBALL

ESFA FUJI FILM TROPHY
Third round
Basildon 5 Enfield 1
Brighton 1 Norwich 3
Chester-le-Street 3 Blackburn 5
Chorley 1 North Tyneside 3
Colchester 1 Islington 2
Derwentside 1 Wigan 3
Doncaster 2 Halton 1
Grimsby 0 Warley 3
Huddersfield 0 East Durham 2
Kirkby Knowsley 2 Macclesfield 0
Liverpool 1 Salford 0
Luton 2 West London 1
Manchester 3 Blackpool 1
Medway 4 Ouse Valley 2
North Avon 1 Slough 1
South East Lindsey 1 Leicester 0
South East Sussex 1 Redbridge 7
Spelthorne 7 Shepway 1

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CUP
Mid-Oxfordshire 1 South Buckinghamshire 0
Hackney 0 Gravesham 5

BOODLE AND DUNTHORNE CUP
Wolverhampton 3 Manchester 2

LONDON HAWKE TROPHY UNDER-16
Basildon 4 Hackney 3
North Kent 2 Barking 1

LONDON SUN SHIELD UNDER-14
Hackney 4 South London 4
Havering 0 Blackheath 1

BURTON SHIELD
Wolverhampton East 2 Brierley 2

MERSEYSIDE CUP UNDER-11
Semi-finals
Wirral 6 Bootle 1
Kirkby 1 Liverpool 0

MERSEY CUP UNDER-15
Sefton 6 Mid Cheshire 1

WRENNALL CUP UNDER-14
Blackburn 2 Pendle 3

SURREY BLACK CUP
Croydon 3 Merton 3

INTER-ASSOCIATIONS
North Shropshire 1 Chester 2
South Notts 1 Kettering 0

WELSH SHIELD UNDER-15
Cardiff 1 Torfaen 0

OTHER MATCHES
Charterhouse 2 Winchester 0
Highgate 0 Westminster 4

HOCKEY

UNDER-16 COUNTY MATCH
Hertfordshire 0 Buckinghamshire 0

LACROSSE

Portsmouth High School 6 Royal Naval School 6

RACING

DONCASTER

Going: heavy

12.55 (6f) 1, Q Factor (A Mackay, 5-1 fav); 2, Dancing Sioux (11-1); 3, Game Ploy (8-1). 19 ran. 2l, nk. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £5.10; £1.80, £3.30, £2.90. DF: £58.20. CSF: £60.39.

1.25 (6f) 1, Double Blue (J Weaver, 7-1); 2, Branston Abby (2-1 fav); 3, Great Deeds (12-1). 13 ran. NR: Beggarman Thief. Nk, nk. M Johnston. Tote: £5.40; £1 90, £1.50, £3.00. DF: £5.40. Trio: £41.80. CSF: £17 99. Beggarman Thief (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 5p in pound.

1.55 (1m 4f) 1, Zilzal Zamaan (K Darley, 7-2); 2, Cotton Chief (11-8 fav); 3, Linpac West (6-1). 6 ran. NR: Brier Creek. 6l, 7l. M Stoute. Tote: £3.10; £1.80, £1 50. DF: £3.00. CSF: £8.62.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, Saxon Maid (J Weaver, 16-1); 2, Penny A Day (15-2); 3, Proton (25-1); 4, Warm Spell (9-1). Bit On The Side 7-1 fav. 24 ran. NR: Burooj. 3l, 1½l. L Cumani. Tote: £16.50; £3 90, £2.30, £4.10, £2.10. DF: £51.50. Trio: £353.50. CSF: £120.07. Tricast: £2,735 08.

3.05 (2m 110yd) 1, Shujan (G Carter, 3-1 fav); 2, Mondragon (12-1); 3, Old Red (14-1); 4, My Desire (14-1). 16 ran. NR: Blaze Away, Thunderheart. Nk, 4l. R Akehurst. Tote: £3.80; £1.50, £2.30, £3.30, £3.10. DF: £16 60. Trio: £102.50. CSF: £38.13. Tricast: £405.87.

3.35 (7f) 1, Duffertoes (G Carter, 16-1); 2, Blaze Of Song (14-1); 3, Domappel (8-1); 4, Smand (12-1). Kemo Sabo 11-2 fav. 21 ran. NR: Faille Ro. Nk, 14l. M Ryan. Tote: £53 20; £8.90, £7 20, £1.80, £4 30. DF: £588 10. Trio: £977.90. CSF: £231 02. Tricast: £1,788 31.

4.10 (5f) 1, Press The Bell (J Carroll, 20-1); 2, Captain Carat (12-1); 3, I'm Your Lady (14-1); 4, Primula Bairn (11-2 fav). 21 ran. NR: Metal Boys. 3l, 1¾l. J Berry. Tote: £33.20; £6 60, £2.50, £4.60, £1.60. DF: £201 30. Trio: £659.60. CSF: £242.40. Tricast: £3,181.13.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,420.39 carried forward to Folkestone today). Placepot: £98.70. Quadpot: £34:10.

CHEPSTOW

1.00 1, Country Lad (7-1); 2, Mister Oddy (8-1); 3, Shrewd John (100-30 fav). 8 ran.

1.30 1, Her Honour (7-1); 2, Hebridean (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Couture Stockings (12-1). Gospel 4-1 jt-fav. 11 ran.

2.00 1, Sweet Duke (9-4 jt-fav); 2, A N C Express (12-1); 3, Newton Point (8-1). Court Melody 9-4 jt-fav. 8 ran.

2.35 1, Flapjack Lad (13-2); 2, Valanthe (8-1); 3, Captain Bert (16-1). Green's Fair 100-30 fav. 12 ran.

3.10 1, Better Bythe Glass (2-1 fav); 2, Grunge (16-1); 3, Country Store (7-1). 19 ran.

3.40 1, Allegation (5-4 jt-fav); 2, Runaway Pete (3-1); 3, Hostile Witness (5-4 jt-fav). 3 ran.

SANDOWN PARK

12.45 1, Elegant King (4-1); 2, Good Insight (11-2); 3, Bustinello (33-1). Ask The Governor 2-1 fav. 8 ran.

1.15 1, Sound Reveille (100-30); 2, Spuffington (3-1); 3, Old Bridge (5-6 fav). 5 ran.

1.50 1, Relkeel (11-8 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Giordano (16-1); 3, Statajack (4-1). 6 ran. NR: Rich Life.

2.25 1, Dubacilla (5-4 fav); 2, Docklands Express (2-1); 3, Sibton Abbey (10-1). 4 ran.

2.55 1, Glemot (9-4); 2, Jailbreaker (6-4 fav); 3, Scole (12-1). 5 ran.

3.30 1, Greenback (5-2 fav); 2, Clifton Set (5-1); 3, Dakota Girl (16-1). 13 ran.

4.00 1, Warfield Lad (16-1); 2, Irene's Pet (33-1); 3, Tamergale (14-1). Morpheus 9-4 fav. 20 ran. NR: Bedbury Boy.

NEWCASTLE

1.10 1, Briar's Delight (7-2); 2, Master Bavard (6-4 fav); 3, Another Chapter (10-1). 11 ran.

1.40 1, Highlandman (16-1); 2, Kilcolgan (11-1); 3, Ole Ole (11-2). Strong Deal 4-5 fav. 7 ran. NR: Scarlet Berry.

2.15 1, Moreeli (100-30); 2, Chief Minister (3-1); 3, Cumbrian Challenge (9-4 fav). 6 ran.

2.45 1, Spanish Fair (Evens fav); 2, Seagull Hollow (11-10); 3, Excise Man (20-1). 4 ran.

3.15 1, Unholy Alliance (8-11 fav); 2, Durham Sunset (5-2); 3, Viva Bella (7-1). 4 ran.

3.50 1, Mystic Memory (Evens fav); 2, Punlan (5-1); 3, Northumbrian King (11-4). 6 ran.

RUGBY UNION

International match

Ireland 26 United States 15

Ireland: Tries: Bradley, Geoghegan. Cons: McGowan 2. Pens: McGowan 3, O'Shea. United States: Tries: Anitoni, Bachelet. Con: Williams. Pen: Williams.

Tour matches

Swansea 7 South Africans 78

Swansea: Try: Davies. Con: A Williams. South Africa: Tries: Joubert 4, Hendriks 2, Kruger, Le Roux, Smidt, Straulei, Van Der Westhuizen, Williams. Cons: Joubert 9.

Bridgend 13 Canterbury (NZ) 54
Oxford Univ 26 Romania 16

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bristol 31 Leicester 22

Bristol: Try: G Sharp. Con: Tainton. Pens: Tainton 7. Dropped goal: Tainton. Leicester: Try: Tarbuck. Con: Harris. Pens: Harris 4. Dropped goal: Harris.

Harlequins 10 Gloucester 14

Harlequins: Try: Pinnock. Con: Bray. Pen: Bray. Gloucester: Tries: Holford 2. Cons: Osborne 2.

Northampton 25 W Hartlepool 14

Northampton: Try: Cassell. Con: Grayson. Pens: Grayson 6. West Hartlepool: Tries: Hodder, Whitaker. Cons: Stimpson 2.

Orrell 10 Wasps 16

Orrell: Tries: Healey. Con: Hamer. Pen: Hamer. Wasps: Try: D Hopley. Con: Gregory. Pens: Gregory 3.

Sale 3 Bath 19

Sale: Pen: Liley. Bath: Tries: Adebayo, De Glanville. Pens: Callard 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	9	8	1	0	190	109	17
Leicester	9	7	1	1	225	139	15
Wasps	9	6	0	3	264	168	12
Bristol	9	5	0	4	193	191	10
Gloucester	9	4	0	5	134	146	8
Orrell	9	4	0	5	180	135	8
Sale	9	3	0	6	184	221	6
Harlequins	9	3	0	6	143	205	6
W Hartlepool	9	2	0	7	161	213	4
Northampton	9	2	0	7	133	202	4

LEADING SCORERS: 123: M Tainton (Bristol; 6 conversions, 36 penalty goals, 1 dropped goal). 116: J Harris (Leicester; 7c, 30pg, 4dg). 108: P Grayson (Northampton; 1 try, 5c, 30pg, 1dg). 98: R Andrew (Wasps; 2t, 14c, 17pg, 3dg). 80: J Callard (Bath; 7c, 22pg). 61: M Mapletoft (Gloucester; 1t, 7c, 14pg); P Turner (Sale; 14c, 8pg, 3dg).

Second division

Moseley 19 Coventry 8

Moseley: Try: Dossett. Con: Hodgkinson. Pens: Hodgkinson 3, Kerr. Coventry: Try: Shepherd. Pen: Quick.

Newcastle G 9 L Irish 15

Newcastle Gosforth: Pens: Mason 2. Dropped goal: Mason. London Irish: Tries: Corcoran, Verling. Con: Corcoran. Pens: Corcoran.

Nottingham 28 Waterloo 11

Nottingham: Tries: Furley 2, penalty try. Cons: Stent 2. Pens: Stent 3. Waterloo: Tries: Brennand. Pens: Swindells 2.

Saracens 27 L Scottish 17

Saracens: Tries: Harries, Tunningley. Con: Tunningley. Pens: Tunningley 3. Dropped goals: Lee 2. London Scottish: Tries: Harrold 2. Cons: Walker, Wichary. Pen: Walker.

Wakefield 24 Fylde 13

Wakefield: Try: Metcalfe, Scully. Con: Jackson. Pens: Jackson 4. Fylde: Tries: O'Toole. Con: Parker. Pens: Parker 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	9	8	0	1	193	113	16
Waterloo	9	6	0	3	166	145	12
Wakefield	9	5	0	4	172	152	10
L Irish	9	5	0	4	208	193	10
Newcastle G	9	4	0	5	191	132	8
L Scottish	9	4	0	5	175	168	8
Nottingham	9	4	0	5	166	171	8
Moseley	9	4	0	5	137	182	8
Fylde	9	3	0	6	132	194	6
Coventry	9	2	0	7	122	212	4

LEADING SCORERS: 115: M Corcoran (London Irish; 3 tries, 11 conversions, 26 penalty goals). 101: M Jackson (Wakefield; 7c, 29pg); S Mason (Newcastle Gosforth; 1t, 12c, 23pg, 1 dropped goal). 100: A Tunningley (Saracens; 2t, 9c, 24pg).

Pilkington Cup

Third round

Aspatria	14	Scunthorpe	9
Basingstoke	23	Clifton	26
Blackheath	31	Redruth	0
Camp Hill	8	Sandal	17
Harrogate	22	Lichfield	14
Havant	13	Richmond	15
H Wycombe	22	Tabard	36
Launceston	7	Exeter	30
Lydney	16	Reading	6
Rotherham	33	Wharfedale	30
Tynedale	16	Rugby	23
		(after extra time)	
West Park	14	Bedford	40

Heineken League

First division

Cardiff 50 Abertillery 13

Cardiff: Tries: Hill 3, Roy 2, G John, Wakeford. Cons: C John 6. Pen: C John. Abertillery: Try: Roberts. Con: Price. Pens: Price 2.

Llanelli 15 Newport 12

Llanelli: Tries: McBryde, M Wintle. Con: Strange. Pen: Strange. Newport: Pens: D Rees 4.

Neath 8 Pontypridd 27

Neath: Pens: Thomas 2. Pontypridd: Tries: G Jones, S Lewis, Robbins. Cons: Jenkins 3. Pens: Jenkins 2.

Pontypool 11 Dunvant 22

Pontypool: Try: Armstrong. Pen: Ring. Dropped goal: Ring. Dunvant: Try: Hutchings. Con: Booth. Pens: Booth 5.

Treorchy 13 Newbridge 6

Treorchy: Tries: Gwilym. Con: Lloyd. Pens: D Evans, Lloyd. Newbridge: Pens: Lloyd, Taylor.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	8	7	0	1	259	88	14
Swansea	8	6	0	2	194	134	12
Llanelli	8	5	0	3	154	152	10
Pontypridd	7	5	0	2	152	89	10
Bridgend	8	4	1	3	181	203	9
Treorchy	8	4	0	4	172	108	8
Neath	8	3	2	3	119	160	8
Dunvant	8	3	1	4	133	138	7
Pontypool	8	3	0	5	131	197	6
Newbridge	7	2	0	5	76	119	4
Newport	8	2	0	6	99	167	4
Abertillery	8	1	0	7	147	262	2

Second division

Abercynon	21	Llandovery	9
Bonymaen	17	Ebbw Vale	0
Cross Keys	9	Aberavon	32
Llanharan	34	Penarth	6
Maesteg	30	Tenby Utd	21
Narberth	22	S Wales Pol	22

McEwan's League

First division

Boroughmuir 23 Jed-Forest 19

Boroughmuir: Tries: Stark 2, Laird. Tukalo. Pen: Reekie. Jed-Forest: Tries: Amos, Brown. Douglas. Con: C Richards 2.

Glasgow HK 9 Melrose 16

Glasgow High Kelvinside: Pens: Hinni 3. Melrose: Try: Scott. Con: G Parker. Pens: G Parker 3.

Gala 22 W of Scotland 6

Gala: Tries: Townsend 2, Isaac. Cons: Dods 2. Pen: Dods. West of Scotland: Pen: Williamson. Dropped goals: Barrett.

Hawick 21 Watsonians 19

Hawick: Tries: Suddon, Welsh. Con: Turnbull. Pens: Welsh 3. Watsonians: Try: S Hastings. Con: G Hastings. Pens: G Hastings 4.

Heriot's FP 33 Dundee HSFP 3

Heriot's FP: Tries: Lee 2, Aitken. Gilmour, Laune. Con: Fowler. Pens: Glasgow 2. Dundee HSFP: Pens: J Newton.

Stewarts Mel 21 Currie 12

Stewarts Mel FP: Tries: Pollock, Thomson. Con: Hodgson. Pens: Hodgson 3. Currie: Pens: Donaldson 4.

Stirling Co 18 Edinburgh Ac 11

Stirling County: Tries: Ireland, McGrandles. Con: M McKenzie. Pen: M McKenzie. Dropped goals: M McKenzie. Edinburgh Academicals: Try: Burns. Pens: Shepherd 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stirling Co	7	7	0	0	132	82	14
Watsonians	7	5	0	2	189	129	10
Glasgow HK	7	5	0	2	126	78	10
Boroughmuir	7	4	0	3	181	135	8
Melrose	7	4	0	3	150	116	8
Heriot's FP	7	4	0	3	104	85	8
Hawick	7	4	0	3	127	121	8
Gala	7	3	1	3	90	158	7
W of Scotland	7	3	0	4	109	141	6
Jed-Forest	7	3	0	4	104	141	6
Dundee HSFP	7	2	1	4	105	128	5
Edinburgh Ac	7	1	2	4	85	103	4
Stewarts Mel	7	1	0	6	106	139	2
Currie	7	1	0	6	90	142	2

Second division

Corstorphine	13	Kelso	18
Glasgow Ac	31	Edinburgh W	16
Gordonians	20	Selkirk	11
Grangemouth	19	Biggar	16
Haddington	12	Wigtownshire	13
Kirkcaldy	27	Peebles	16
Musselburgh	11	Preston Lodge	16

CLUB MATCHES: Henley 12 Newbury 8, Huddersfield 21 Otley 24; Manchester 18 Broughton Park 6, Plymouth 25 Metropolitan Police 16, Vale of Lune 3 Liverpool St Helens 44.

PILKINGTON SHIELD: Third round: London and South East: Region one: Barclays Bank 10 Hadleigh 23; HAC 55 Hayes 6, London Cornish 0 Ilford Wanderers 10, London Nigerian 29 Haverhill 5, Ongar 19 Belsize Park 16; St Albans 30 Quintin 10; Stowmarket 15 Datchworth 7; Tring 20 St Nicholas OB 7; Wisbech 18 Falvenham 3; Witham 6 Enfield Ignatians 5. Region two: Crowborough 17 Chipstead 6; Ditchling 3 Darenth Valley 12; Esso Fawley 3 Tonbridge 43, London Media 7 Old Bevonians 24; Old Gravesendians 17 Cobham 3; Old Tiffinians 9 Deal Wanderers 6; Orpington 3 Cranbrook 29, Ventnor 16 Linton 8; Whitstable 6 Ashford; Woking 49 Overton 0. South West: Region one: Beaconsfield 20 Bridport 3; Buckingham 7 Calne 0; Penryn 36 Portcastrians 5; Thatcham 17 Gosford All Blacks 3. Region two: Avon 0 Crewkerne 15; Blagdon 7 Tredworth 30; Bristol Telephones 14 Broadplane 19; Cheltenham CS 9 Cams Cross 17; Cotham Park 6 Bristol Saracens 16, Exeter Saracens 7 Kingsbridge 15; Gloucestershire Police 8 Bishopston 17, Plymouth A 12 Salcombe 20, St Agnes 13 Wadebridge Camels 10; Totnes 6 Old Plymouthonians.

Midlands: Region one: Birmingham City Officials 12 Berkswell and Balsall 6; Bishops Castle 13 Handsworth 5; Coventry Technical 0 Burntwood 11; Erdington 7, Edwardian 3; Shipton on Stour 11 Wednesbury 17; Standard 13 Bromyard 22; Warley 26, Coventrians 11. Region two: Boots 5 Melton Mowbray 30; Corby 8 Rushden and Higham 14, Northampton Casuals 15, Vauxhall 3; North Kesteven 7 Kempston 8; Oakham 24 Colworth House 6; Queens 19 St Ives 6; Warwickshire Police 12 Buxton 18; Wellingborough OG 10 All Spartans 5. North: Region one: Hessle 0 Medicals 19, Knottingley 16 Dinnington 3; Moortown 17 Marist 11, Newton Aycliffe 7, Winlaton Vulcans 14 North Shields 11, Stanley Rodillians 0 Pheonix Park 3 Huddersfield YMCA 14; Ponteland 27 Richmondshire 10; Stocksbridge 0 Wibsey 34. Region two: Birchfield 6 Newton-Le-Willows 39; Crewe and Nantwich 12 Port Sunlight 9; Didsbury Toc 12 Blackpool 13; Marple 17 Millom 5, Moseley Hill 3 Eccles 0; Old Parkonians 22 Keswick 10; Wallasey 14 Bolton 3.

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TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
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Nottm Forest v Newcastle (Sky, 8.0)

DIADORA LEAGUE: League Cup: Second round: Carshalton Ath v Dorking

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton Town v Bristol Manor Farm

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Third round: Ebbw Vale v Cardiff CS (at Ninian Park)

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Birmingham City v Manchester City (7.0); Leicester v Oldham (7.0); Preston v Grimsby (7.0)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth v Bristol Rovers (7.0); Tottenham v Ipswich (at St Albans City)

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Tranmere Rovers v Burnley; Northampton Town v Walsall, Peterborough United v Rushden and Diamonds; Wrexham v Burton Albion, Wycombe Wanderers v Gillingham; Luton Town v Staines Town

OTHER MATCH: Paul Watts testimonial: Dagenham and Redbridge v West Ham United (7.45)

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: North and Midlands of Scotland v Northumberland (at Kirkcaldy, 7.0)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Folkestone (first race, 1.0); Carlisle (12.45)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern Section: First round: Hartlepool v Darlington; Lincoln v Hull; York v Bradford (7.45); Chesterfield v Scunthorpe; Mansfield v Crewe; Wigan v Blackpool; Bury v Preston. Southern section: Swansea v Hereford; Bournemouth v Oxford United (7.45); Brentford v Gillingham (7.45); Fulham v Colchester (7.45); Walsall v Peterborough (7.45)

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dover v Merthyr

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Falkirk v Kilmarnock; Motherwell v Dundee United

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Cambridge University v Romania (7.30).

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: Ireland v England (at Ravenhill, 7.30).

SWALEC CUP: Second round: Mumbles v Cardigan (7.30).

CLUB MATCHES: Blackheath v Maidstone (7.30); Cardiff v Gloucester (7.15); Glamorgan Wndrs v Cross Keys (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Doncaster v St Helens (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Sedgefield (12.50); Southwell (1.0); Fontwell Park (1.40).

TABLE TENNIS: European Men's League: England v Denmark (at Leicester).

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Liverpool v Chelsea (7.45); Wimbledon v Aston Villa (7.45)

COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: Replays: Arsenal v Oldham (7.45); Norwich v Tranmere (7.45); Swindon v Brighton (7.45).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Hibernian; Celtic v Partick; Hearts v Rangers

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Cornwall v Canterbury (NZ) (at Camborne, 2.15). Irish Universities v United States XV (at Mardyke, Cork, 2.30); Scotland A v South Africa XV (at Melrose, 2.0); Pontypool v Randwick (Aus) (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S TOUR MATCH: Warrington v Australia XIII (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League. Leicester v Sunderland (8.0)

BOXING: Commonwealth bantamweight championship: Johnny Armour (holder) v Donnie Hood (London Arena)

RACING: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.10), Worcester (1.0); Newbury (1.20)

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Manchester United v Manchester City (Sky, 8.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Leopards v Hemel (7.0).

EQUESTRIANISM: Millstreet Show

RACING: Towcester (1.0), Kelso (1.10), Taunton (1.20)

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: First round: Heybridge Swifts v Gillingham (at Layer Road, Colchester, 7.45).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Bristol v Coventry (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Sheffield Eagles v Wigan (Sky, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: 7UP Trophy: Doncaster v Derby (8.0)

EQUESTRIANISM: Millstreet Show

RACING: Cheltenham (BBC, 1.20); Lingfield Park (AW, 1.10); Ayr (1.00); Huntingdon (12.45)

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championships (Preston)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: First round (3.0): Altrincham v Southport, Ashford Town v Fulham, Barnet v Woking, Bath v Bristol Rovers, Bishop Auckland v Bury (2.0), Bournemouth v Worthing, Bradford v Scunthorpe; Burnley v Shrewsbury; Cambridge Utd v Brentford; Chesham v Bashley; Chester v Witton; Chesterfield v Scarborough; Crewe v Gresley Rovers; Doncaster v Huddersfield; Enfield v Cardiff (2.0); Exeter v Crawley Town, Halifax v Runcorn, Hereford v Hitchin, Hull v Lincoln, Hyde v Darlington, Kidderminster v Torquay, Kingstonian v Brighton, Mansfield v Northwich, Newport (IoW) v Aylesbury, Peterborough v Northampton, Port Vale v Hartlepool, Slough v Birmingham (at Birmingham City FC), Tiverton v Leyton Orient; Walsall v Rochdale, Wigan v Spennymoor; Wrexham v Stockport; Wycombe v Chelmsford; Reading v Colchester; York v Rotherham.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Grimsby v Millwall, Oldham v Luton, Reading v Middlesbrough, Sheffield United v Derby; Watford v Southend.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Merthyr v Welling; Stalybridge v Dover; Stevenage v Farnborough, Telford v Gateshead

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Ayr v Airdrie, Dundee v Clydebank, Hamilton v Dunfermline, Raith v Stranraer, St Mirren v St Johnstone. Second division: Brechin v Greenock Morton, Clyde v East Fife, Dumbarton v Berwick, Queen Of South v Meadowbank, Stirling v Stenhousemuir. Third division: Albion v East Stirling, Arbroath v Alloa; Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park; Forfar v Caledonian Thistle; Ross County v Montrose.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH (2.30): England v Romania (at Twickenham)

TOUR MATCHES: Scottish Combined Districts v South Africa XV (Glasgow); Leinster v United States XV (at Donnybrook)

CIS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands group A: Staffordshire v Leicestershire, Midlands group B: East Midlands v Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire v Derbyshire.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Abertillery v Neath, Bridgend v Llanelli, Dunvant v Cardiff, Newbridge v Pontypool, Newport v Treorchy; Pontypridd v Swansea

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Hemel v Manchester (7.30). 7UP Trophy: Derby v Sunderland (8.0); Leicester v Doncaster (7.30); Thames Valley v Birmingham (8.0); Worthing v London (8.0).

BOXING: International bout: Wayne McCullough (Ire) v Fabrice Benichou (Fr) (Dublin)

EQUESTRIANISM: Millstreet Show.

RACING: Ayr (12.30), Cheltenham (BBC, 12.40), Nottingham (12.50), Windsor (1.30), Wolverhampton (AW, 7.0)

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championships (Preston).

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: First round: Guiseley v Carlisle United (at Bradford City FC, 1.0); *Marlow v Oxford United (1.30); *Kettering Town v Plymouth Argyle (Sky, 4.0)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Charlton Athletic v West Bromwich Albion (ITV, 2.55).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S TOUR MATCH: Bradford Northern v Australia XIII (3.0)

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Featherstone Rovers v Leeds (3.30), Hull v Salford (3.15), St Helens v Halifax (3.0), Wakefield Trinity v Warrington (3.30); Widnes v Doncaster (3.0), Workington Town v Castleford (3.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Doncaster v Thames Valley (5.0), London v Leopards (5.0). 7UP Trophy: Chester v Sheffield (6.0)

EQUESTRIANISM: Millstreet Show

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championships (Preston).

Fighting Finnegan's grandstand finish made my day


Finnegan: split decision

CLEMENT FREUD



Afterthoughts

As he regained his world heavyweight championship on Saturday night, George Foreman said: "The athlete of the future will be 45 to 55 years old."

Chris Finnegan would be in that range now; perhaps he was listening. Perhaps he too will make a come back.

I met Finnegan at the Mexico Olympics when he won his gold medal and a couple of days later saw him again at Mexico City airport: he had celebrated the victory to the extent that I was asked by some of his friends to give them a hand carrying him into the plane — which I was pleased to do for in that most dismal of Olympiads, his victory shone like a beacon among the professionalism, commercialism and political riots.

It was achieved on the last day of the Games. Our gold tally to date was four: Hemery in the 400 metres hurdles; Braithwaite shooting clay pigeons; Pattison and McDonald Smith sailing in a Flying Dutchman, and our three-day event equestrian team of Allhusen, Bullen, Jones and Meade.

In the middleweight final our man fought Alexei Kiseliov of the USSR. Round one was a disaster: Finnegan ran into an avalanche of hard, if unsubtle punches so that after three minutes one gave him no chance.

In round two, he held his own and quite frequently held Kiseliov also, which was not to the liking of the referee who additionally warned him about leading with his head. Then in the final round, he hit the Russian handsomely and frequently and after the standard agonising wait, Finnegan received the verdict, three judges out of five gave him the nod.

We went to his dressing-room after the ceremony — he had stood admirably to attention while the anthem was played — a quietly jubilant, fair haired, six-foot, 11½-stone perspiring bricklayer from Buckinghamshire.

He said: "It is a great feeling; best feeling I have ever had, know what I mean?" And he beamed at the world in general. Will he turn professional? "I don't know, I'm still a bit of a country bumpkin."

Asked about the contest, he said that after round two, his trainer had told him to get in and have a go because he is beginning to tire. "Then I heard him puffing and it was a lovely sound."

Had he expected to get the verdict? "I think I deserved it, know what I mean?"

He was now going out with the boys to have a few beers only he hadn't got too many pesos in his pocket.

Would he return to bricklaying?

He said: "I think I will try to increase the family" (he had one daughter): it seemed an altogether more pleasurable occupation.

If it was the most uplifting fight of the Games from the British point of view, it was not the best.

That took place during the third round of the light-middleweight final when some dozen members of the crowd laid into each other so wholeheartedly, and were cheered on so loudly, that the Cuban in the ring got out of a clinch with his Soviet opponent to see what was going on.

All the while, the air was filled with the two catchwords of those Olympics: "Me-hi-co" and "Sit Down".

Bates sails past Scot to confirm supremacy

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

A NOVICE and a figurehead have been crowned national tennis champions. Jo Ward, the first unseeded player to claim the women's title, was joined on the honours list at Telford yesterday by Jeremy Bates, the winner of the men's event for the sixth time.

Neither was remotely challenged in the final. Whereas Ward had again demonstrated her exciting potential by overwhelming Kaye Hand on Saturday, Bates once more confirmed his crushing domestic superiority by dismissing Miles Maclagan, the seventh seed, 6-4, 6-2.

In winning a challenger tournament in France the previous weekend, Bates had already enhanced his stature as Britain's No 1. In sweeping aside five opponents for the loss of a mere 27 games, and not being close to dropping a set on the way, he increased it still further.

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Once he had survived the threat of five break points, in the second and sixth games, Bates convincingly subdued his 20-year-old Scottish opponent, whose game is conducted almost exclusively from the baseline. "He was hitting hard but he wasn't penetrating," Bates said.

They came on dressed in identical outfits but the gap in class was increasingly evident once Bates had broken to establish a 4-3 lead in the first set. In the second, "when a lot of the sting went out of his game", he dropped a mere two points on his own serve.

Despite the ominous ease of his defence, he argued that his rivals are improving. Their world rankings have risen (Maclagan is 280th, the highest of his career) and Bates himself is close to surpassing his own best position of 63rd, achieved six years ago.

Before preparing to travel to Antwerp, where he is to meet Stefan Edberg in the first round of the EC Championships, the 32-year-old expressed his intention to continue next year. "It is difficult to stop when I'm ranked high enough to enter the grand slams," he said.

Although he has not seen enough of the women's game to predict how Ward may fare, he was another to be impressed by her talent. "She seems to be strong and quick, she's aggressive and the pressure didn't get to her. The way she constructed the points and finished off her matches was admirable".

On Wednesday, Ward, 19, is bound for Australia, where she is to attempt to qualify for satellite tournaments. Her immediate aim is to lift her position in the world rankings, which, at 432nd, is plainly false.

She demonstrated last week that she has the tactical awareness, the mental fortitude and, crucially, a penetrative weapon — the strongest forehand in the British women's game since Sue Barker — to be a force far beyond the domestic boundaries. But if she cannot make it in the world, who can?

Ward overwhelmed Hand, who is comparatively slight of shot, body and mind, 6-0, 6-2. Yet the 26-year-old had eliminated three seeds: Julie Pullin, the third; Emily Bond, the sixth; and, in a semi-final of alarmingly poor quality, Shirli-Ann Siddall, the second.

Ward has emerged as such a bright illumination amid the relative gloom that it is tempting to overstate her case. As she said herself: "It will be funny coming back next year as the defending champion. I'm a nobody".

Ward was told after three cartilage operations to consider another career. The potential impediments continued on Thursday when her favourite shoes broke. She had to borrow those of her coach, Harvey Slater, which were a size too big.

After she had surprised herself by knocking out the top seed and defending champion, Clare Wood, she bought a new pair but was left with a limited supply of socks. The only clean pair, which she sported in the final, were odd. Nothing else about the level-headed native of the north-east appears to be unbalanced.


Hodson shows his jubilation after scoring the winning goal for Wolverhampton Grammar School. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Skill flourishes away from scouts' watch

BY JOHN GOODBODY

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

IT IS curious that although football is the national game, strikingly few professional players have come from the independent schools.

On Saturday, Wolverhampton Grammar School beat Manchester Grammar School 3-2 in a match that was engagingly unspiteful and featured a delightfully high level of skill. Of course, both schools focus on academic excellence but you would have thought that over the years they would have had several old boys as footballers.

After all, Michael Atherton, the England cricket captain, was at Manchester and Rupert Moon and Nick Jeavons, the international rugby union players, went to Wolverhampton, where football is the main winter game and rugby was started only 15 years ago.

Football clubs' scouts have seldom shown interest in inspecting the Manchester Grammar School boys recommended to them. The school has set up a professional footballers' discussion group and Steve Heighway, the Liverpool youth team coach, told one meeting that clubs tend to assume that independent schools are bastions of cricket and rugby.

Brian Flynn, the Wrexham manager, told the group that he believed the future of many lower division clubs rested on recruiting more part-time players with backgrounds in independent schools.

One Wolverhampton old boy who did break into the professional game was Mel Eves. He played more than 200 games for Wolverhampton Wanderers, including the 1980 League Cup final, and was watching the Boodle and Dunthorpe independent schools FA Cup second-round tie on Saturday.

He took his A-levels while playing for the Wolves reserve team then joined the club as a professional at 18 years old. "It took me three to six months to get the same level of fitness as my contemporaries who had been training every day since the age of 16," Eves said.

Why do clubs like to get players so young? "Managers like to work with them as early as possible. They believe the earlier they can instil good habits in a professional, the better. It is harder to teach an old dog new tricks."

There was no pressure on him to join Wolves at 16 years old. "Having A-levels do not help if you have a 6ft 2in centre half kicking the bells out of you, but they do help afterwards," he joked. He is now a director of a financial advice company.

Eves believes it is still possible to become a professional footballer from an independent school; Ben Sedgemore, who has just signed for Birmingham City, is the latest to come from Wolverhampton.

However, Steve Foster, the secretary of Manchester Grammar School football club, said: "As the boys get older they often do not have the same edge as the more competitive youngsters. By 16 to 18 years old they have grown up and have different expectations and are aiming at the top academically. They know they are not going to become the next Ryan Giggs."

With both schools having more than 90 per cent of their pupils accepted at universities, they have an impressive record in further education. Manchester has had four boys who have captained Oxford or Cambridge at football and in the 1984 varsity match, Wolverhampton had five old boys on the field.

Both schools have little difficulty in getting boys to play. "If picked, a boy's primary responsibility is to us," Foster said. "There are some raised eyebrows if a boy is a Manchester United fan and the club are at home but I have never had a boy turn down the opportunity to play. He knows that someone else would take his place in future."

John Johnson, the joint first-team coach at Wolverhampton, said it was important that the boys played for the school rather than a Sunday team because they learnt greater discipline. "The emphasis on Sunday games is towards winning," he said. "I have taken off even our best players if they swear or misbehave on the field.

"We are educationalists first and foremost, not football managers."

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Mexican runner discovers avenue to riches

GERMAN Silva, of Mexico, made a wrong turn less than a kilometre from the finish but still outlasted his fellow-countryman, Benjamin Paredes, to win the New York City Marathon yesterday.

Silva and Paredes had been running side-by-side at the head of the field for some five miles when Silva made his mistake. As they approached Central Park, Silva turned on to Seventh Avenue instead of going another block and turning into the park at Lisbon Avenue.

He took about 12 steps before realising his mistake, thanks to urging from several spectators and police. He then reversed his course and began a frantic pursuit of Paredes. Less than a minute from the finish, Silva caught his rival to win in a time of 2hr 11min 21sec.

Paredes finished only two seconds back, making this the closest finish in the 25-year history of the race.

Arturo Barrios, a native Mexican who became an American citizen this year, finished third for the second year in a row, in 2hr 11min 43sec.

Tecla Loroupe, 21, of Kenya, made a remarkable marathon debut in the women's race, finishing ahead of Madina Biktagirova, of Russia, and Anne Marie Lauck, of the United States, in 2hr 27min 37sec.

Victory in the event, which was run for the first time without its creator, Fred Lebow, who died last month of brain cancer, was worth $20,000 to Silva, who was competing in only his third marathon. He also won a Mercedes-Benz and bonus money for finishing inside 2min 12sec.

Determined efforts by Andrew Pearson and Heather Heasman failed to prevent a Kenyan double in the ten-kilometre international road race held in Barnsley yesterday.

Simon Lopuyet made light of the hilly town circuit to win in 28min 3osec while Joyce Chepchumba set a women's course record of 32min 20sec.

Pearson, fresh from altitude training in France, allowed Lopuyet to escape after three kilometres but was consoled by leading Yorkshire to a third successive title in the inter-counties championship. Eleven of the first 24 men were African in the best field assembled in Britain.

Heasman, from Kent, "never gave up" according to Chepchumba and pushed both herself and the Kenyan to personal bests, Heasman finishing in 32min 31sec. Jill Hunter, pacing herself back into the world rankings, finished third.

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NOTICE TO THE CEDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANIES

The above companis have been placed in members voluntary liquidation and Peter Ryan Cridland Densham of Price Waterhouse has been appointed Liquidator by the shareholders.

The Liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rles 1986 that the creditors of the above companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against any of the above companis to the Liquidator, at 31 Great George St, Bristol BS1 5QD by 30 November 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The Liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a clm by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The companies are all to pay all their known creditors in full.

Date 31 October 1994
P R C Densham
Liquidator

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1. The Royal Air Force Museum Trust.
2. Bank Of Britain Museum Trust.
3. Bomber Command Museum Trust.

Scheme for the amalgamation of the Charities.
Ref:264708A/2-SC

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a scheme for these Charities.
Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 264708A/2-SC) at Woodfield House Tangier Taunton Somerset, TA1 4BL.

Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

NOTICE OF 596B MEETING OF CREDITORS
BARSHOT LIMITED
Principal Trading Address: 29 Farm Street, London, W1X 7RD
Company Number: 384183
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 29 Farm Street London W1X 7RD on 11-11-1994 at 3.30pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
John Perry Richard of Touche Ross & Co, of PO Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Creditors requiring this information should contact in the first instance Chris Day on 071-936 3000.
Dated 21.10.94
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
G.D. Budd, Secretary

No 006282 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF GEORGE FISCHER (GREAT BRITAIN) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was on the 30th day of September 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £10,000,000 to £5,600,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 16th day of November 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 27th day of October 1994.
MASONS
30 Aylesbury Street
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Solicitors for the above named Company.

The Insolvency Act 1986
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S G TAYLOR, Liquidator.

LIGHTUNIQUE LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
We Stephen James Lister-Adamson and Gareth Howard Hughes, both of Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU, hereby give notice that on the 25th day of October 1994, we were appointed Liquidators of the above-named company.
LIGHTUNIQUE LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named company are required on or before the 30th day of December 1994 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to G H Hughes of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU, the joint liquidator of the said company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidators, by their solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 4th November 1994
S J L Adamson
Joint Liquidator.

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Women lead way home

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

DAWN Riley and her all-woman America's Cup crew finally showed the men a clean hull during the last race of the America's Cup world championship yachting series in San Diego on Saturday.

The exhibition event, set inside San Diego Bay, proved the most exciting of the series. John Bertrand's impressive *oneAustralia* crew, who had already won the world title, was boxed out of the star by the two Japanese boats.

It was team tactics from that point on as the event developed into a series of mini match races.

Nippon 92, skippered by New Zealand's John Cutler, led at the first mark but was soon overhauled by Riley and her crew on *America³*, which was first to set a spinnaker on the tight reaching leg.

By the final turning mark, the American women had established the dominant position but it was almost brought to an end when a late spinnaker drop ended up with the sail wrapped around the rigging.

Undaunted by the pile of washing streaming out of the stern, they continued towards the finish while Merritt Carey — like Dawn Riley a veteran from *Heineken* in the Whitbread Round the World race — swung precariously from a halyard halfway up the mast, hacking the recalcitrant sail away with a knife.

The race tactics employed by the two Japanese boats for once dulled the performance of Bertrand's *oneAustralia*, but rival crews were left under no illusion. Bertrand and his team will be the crew to beat when the America's Cup trials commence in January.

OneAustralia is certainly a fantastic boat. The design team of Reichel and Pugh has done a great job, John Marshall, who leads Kevin Mahaney's Pact 95 American team, said.

"Their performance here in winning every race that counts has shown that the development of these America's Cup yachts did not reach a plateau with Bill Koch's cup winner, *America³*, in 1992," he said.


Riley: spinnaker mishap

☐ Niah Vaughan, the leading British competitor in the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race reached Cape Town, the first stopover port, on Saturday to take third place in class two in his 50ft boat, *Jimroda II*.

Alan Nebauer's *Newcastle Australia*, and his "guest" Josh Hall who he picked up from his sinking yacht on October 17, was expected to reach the Cape early today, a day ahead of Nigel Rowe, of Britain, sailing *Sky Catcher*.

LEADING POSITIONS: Yachts still at sea at 08.00 GMT yesterday with miles to Cape Town) Class One: 1, Tracy's Child (A Taylor, US) 223 miles. Class Two: 4, Newcastle-Australia (S Nebauer, AUS) 272. 5, Sky Catcher (I Rowe, GB) 567. 6, Shalen-Dolfi II (M Saito, Japan) 1,398. ... Commit (R Dana, GB) 1,911. 6, Protect Our Seals (N Petersen, SA) 2,158. 9, Henri, Hombre (P Whitwell, GB) 2,214. 10, Team of Canada (S Beecham, B) 2,598. 11, Cornucopia (T Romack, US) 2,360.

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EDUCATION

Decline of the state school girl

Twenty years ago girls from state schools were the cream of the A-level crop. Today they have plummeted to being the worst. Gerard McCrum offers an explanation

The battle of the sexes is nowhere more intense and important than in education. The conflict is one of enduring fascination for academics, educators, politicians and the public alike. Last month the BBC broadcast a *Panorama* programme called "The Future Is Female" that heartened those concerned for girls' education. The clinching argument, based on research by the National Consortium for Examination Results, was that A-Level female candidates from state schools this year outscored male candidates from state schools for the first time.

Of the available educational indicators, A-level reigns supreme. The results are of value to individuals, universities and employers: they are also vital to the general public who can track the effects of educational reforms. The observation that at last girls are "winning", or at least breaking even, is powerful stuff.

But it would be unwise for our policymakers to accept this. If you examine female/male achievement at the high end of the ability range, the picture is very different from that painted by *Panorama*.

I have analysed national A-level statistics for the past two decades, focusing on the numbers gaining the very highest grades — three straight As or AAB. Twenty years ago, in the early 1970s, state-educated girls were year-by-year the strongest group. They scored the highest percentage of AAA or AAB grades: ahead of boys from independent schools, state-educated boys, with girls from independent schools bringing up the rear.

Today, the pecking order is radically different. Girls from state schools are by far the weakest group. The graph below highlights their changing fortune. It shows the percentage of arts candidates entering the nation's universities who achieved a score of AAA or AAB.

Because of rampant A-level grade inflation — with the proportion of candidates achieving top grades increasing annually — it is necessary to adjust the figures to compare like with like. This is done by dividing the percentage of each group obtaining the best grades for a particular year by the percentage of state-educated boys obtaining AAA or AAB. The results can then be compared directly.

Thus we can see clearly that for every 100 state boys who gained top grades in 1973, there were 108 state-educated girls, 106 boys from independent schools and 95 girls from independent schools. But in 1991, the latest figures available, for every 100 state-educated boys with the best grades, there were 131 boys from independent schools, 120 girls from independent schools, but just 87 girls from state schools.

What has happened? It is fortunate that the results for girls and boys educated at independent schools are available to provide a benchmark. The figures show starkly that the academic collapse of girls from state schools has not been mirrored in the independent sector. Indeed, the independent girls have moved ahead relative to state boys as well as state girls.

This achievement is even more remarkable when the numbers entering university arts courses are considered. In the past 20 years girls from independent schools have taken best advantage of the expansion of higher education with the numbers entering the nation's universities almost quadrupling from 1,500 to 5,670. For every 100 girls from independent schools embarking on undergraduate arts courses in 1973 there were 380 in 1991. For state girls, progress was limited: up from 100 to 140. Independent boys raced ahead from 100 to 210, while their state counterparts increased from 100 to 105.

What is of the greatest significance is the drop in achievement at top A-level grades for state-educated girls compared with state-educated boys. This gender effect has not occurred in the independent sector, where the girls, despite the vast increase in their numbers, have maintained their position with respect to the boys.

It is likely that the drop in performance of state-educated girls is due to the onset of mixed schooling in the state sector. According to the Association of Maintained Girls Schools, 20 years ago there were 2,000 state girls schools in England and Wales and today there are only 248. Coeducation is now the norm for girls.

In America it is illegal in the state sector to educate boys and girls in separate schools. It is also illegal to run single-sex classes in a mixed school. The effects of coeducation can be seen clearly in a system where it has such a long history. The titles of two recent highly regarded American books say it all — *Failing At Fairness: How America's Schools Cheat Girls* by Myra and David Sadker, and *How Schools Shortchange Girls: The American Association of University Women Report.*

The AAUW report is a compelling synthesis of available American research on how girls fare in mixed schools. It presents powerful evidence that girls do not receive the same quality of education as their brothers. Coeducational teaching groups usually provide boys with leadership opportunities that increase their self-esteem: females are often seen as followers. Girls often become resigned to the power that society grants boys because of their assertiveness and tendency to disrupt.

There are worries that girls thrown into mixed schools in England and Wales over the past few decades are suffering the same fate as their American peers. *Panorama* is to be congratulated on tackling the problem of the link between gender and academic performance. This difficult subject has been avoided in the past, perhaps falling into the perilous area of the politically incorrect. But to conclude on the basis of limited evidence that it is now boys rather than girls who need special help in school misses the point.

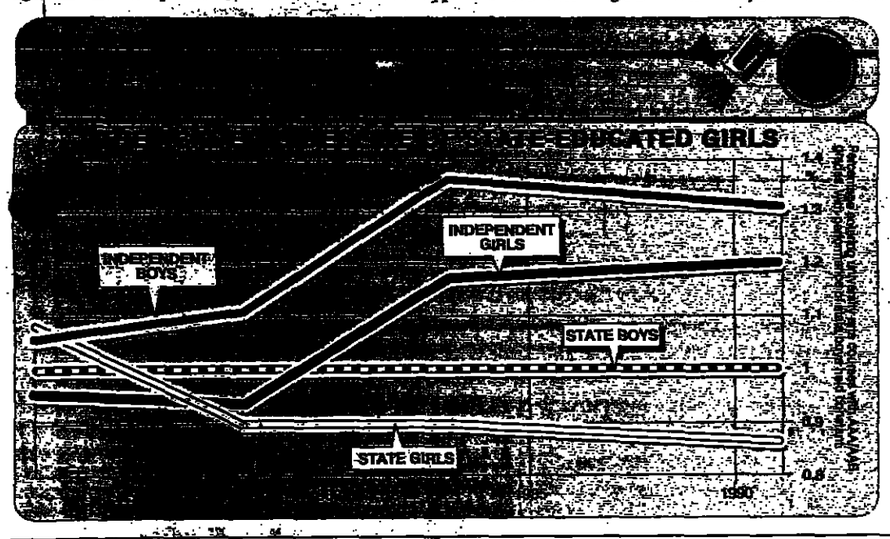
It is important when considering educational reforms to examine all the facts. It is time that the politicians started to consider, as an experiment, a reversal of the tide of coeducation. The independent sector's "take" of the available places at the nation's universities is increasing year by year. It would be unfortunate if this trend continued. The reasons are complex but the demise of the state girls' school is significant. There is no sense in having the "new" universities, the former polytechnics, catering for the products of state schools and the "old" universities for the products of independent schools.

● *Dr McCrum retired as Fellow of Hertford College, Oxford, in 1994.*

SIMON TOWNSLEY



State-educated girls: their declining results have coincided with an increase in coeducation. American research points to a similar decline with the advent of boys



The single-sex route to success

THE DEMISE of the state girls' school over the last 20 years passed almost unnoticed as debate fixed on the question of whether schooling should be comprehensive or selective.

Today there are 35 local education authorities without a single state girls' school. In another 20, and the whole of Scotland, there is just one.

Many fell victim to comprehensive reorganisation schemes as authorities forged ahead with the creation of mixed schools. The independent sector was not immune to change as boys' schools rushed to go fully co-educational or, at least, admit girls into the sixth form.

Questions about the link between girls' academic performance and single-sex schools have tended to be deflected by seemingly steady improvements in girls' overall examination performance. The advent of the GCSE, with its stress on coursework, accelerated the progress of girls. Last year, 43 per cent of girls gained five or more passes at grades A to C, compared with just 34 per cent of boys.

The arrival of national league tables, however, has turned the spotlight on girls' schools. They *have dominated the upper* reaches of the rankings, particularly at GCSE, claiming 18 of the top 20 places in this year's survey by *The Times*.

Bernice McCabe, head teacher of Chelmsford County High School, *one of the best-performing* state girls' schools, argues that the atmosphere of a single-sex school is a clear benefit to girls. "I worked in a mixed comprehensive for 16 years and can certainly see the difference. The able girl, not just the very bright, flourishes and can fulfil her potential without any social factors coming into play."

At Chelmsford, Mrs McCabe has introduced academic tutors who set targets for each sixth-former as a means of raising their expectations and boosting confidence. The proportion of girls at the school gaining three A-levels at grades A and B has risen from 48 per cent to 66 per cent in the last five years.

The advantages of a single-sex secondary education for girls have not been missed by government inspectors. A report last year found that girls were better prepared for employment and adult life after single-sex schooling than their sisters in the co-educational mainstream.

BEN PRESTON

Video-conferencing, E-mail and CD-Rom solve problems of isolated study, absent teachers and missing books

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The soothsayers conjure a fantastic vision of the university of the future. A world where tutors can lecture to thousands of students strewn across the globe via computer-linked video cameras. Where English undergraduates using terminals in their bedsits can take Spanish courses at a university in Madrid. Where people in work can study for a degree from their office at lunchtime.

While this vision remains years from reality, much of the technology upon which it is founded is already being used in British universities. E-mail, techno-speak for electronic mail, is firmly established. It is a system that links computer-users all over the world, allowing them to send and receive written messages for the price of a telephone call. E-mail encourages a dialogue between academics working in similar fields, or between students and tutors as if they were in a seminar. The messages can be stored for reference.

Most British universities use E-mail. But at Southampton University, students studying electronics have progressed to the Internet, a more sophisticated technology. Their course — complete with lectures and textbooks — is the first to be stored on a databank which they can access from home via the Internet. Students select sections or chapters to work on, download them onto their terminal, save them on files or print them out. Of course, if they have any queries, they can seek help from their tutors by E-mail.

The Open University pioneered distance and computer-based learning 25 years ago in Britain. Today it is harnessing a range of technologies — including video and computer conferencing — to link people across Europe. Students can share the trials and triumphs of lone study with colleagues in Germany, France or Spain. The more expensive satellite television and videophones have also been introduced so that students can see each other on a screen and communicate directly. Sixteen European Open Universities will be linked by next year.

> "People will still need face-to-face communication while they are learning"

CD-Rom is another technological avenue being explored: a cross between a video, tape-recorder and word processor, it allows the storage of vast banks of written information, sound, graphics and images. The Open University is to launch its first course on CD-Rom, which combines a double-speed computer, a sound-card and an amplifier. "Traditional flat images become three dimensional. Surfaces look like textures. Light, sound and zoom lens effects add to reality," says Doug Briggs, course manager.

Students will be given a CD on which they will find papers and journals, various demonstrations, lectures and interactive exercises. Students and tutors will communicate by E-mail. Regular face-to-face meetings and local conferences will be provided. But student life will mostly be spent off line.

The pioneering course is, inevitably, in information and technology. "We don't teach them to use the equipment," says Mr Briggs.

Yet new technology is useless unless people use it effectively. The Volnet Center in London has set up multimedia workshops for teachers, researchers and managers. It provides programmes on CD-Rom, including a 39-volume encyclopedia with which to practise.

The University of the Future is coming, but piecemeal and more slowly than its advocates suggest. The idea that campuses will vanish as everyone studies from home is nonsense. People will still need face-to-face communication as they learn.

New technology might save money in the long term, allowing lecturers to perform only once — to camera — rather than dragging out the same notes to present to different sets of students each term. But whether it will ever save students and academics time is another matter. One lecturer confessed he had received so many messages by E-mail that he did not have the time to read them all.

LAURENCE NAGY



Face-to-face: video-conferencing at Ysgol Y Preseli

How big is a classroom?

In the Ulster University class in women's studies, questions can come from 5ft and 50 miles away. For while the lecturer addresses students in Coleraine, others are watching and listening in Londonderry and Belfast.

The university decided several years ago that video-conferencing was one solution to the problems of Britain's most dispersed conventional university. Other multi-campus institutions tend to group students together by subjects, restricting their choice of course and company. Ulster's system maximises the opportunities available throughout the Province.

When the university embarked on the project, video-conferences were the preserve of big business. Even now, Ulster is spending heavily on educational technology: £1.5 million on a new campus network, £2 million in a joint project with neighbouring Queen's University.

But video-conferences have come within the reach of medium-sized schools. The £6,000 price tag on the standard hardware used in schools is half that of the cheapest available a few years ago. Operating costs are roughly twice the normal rate for telephone calls.

Ysgol Y Preseli, a comprehensive school in Crymych, Dyfed, was a pioneer of the system, using it to offer subjects for which there are no qualified teachers on the staff. Sociology is taught entirely by video, and Spanish classes can continue while the regular teacher takes maternity leave.

David Grace, head of science, and responsible for the innovation, says: "We are in a rural situation, so this is the only opportunity pupils have to take certain subjects."

The lessons come from university lecturers at Bangor, in North Wales, at a fraction of the cost of paying a part-time teacher to travel to Crymych. Mr Grace may also make the equipment pay by offering A-level electronics to other schools on the network.

The system is already widely used by rural communities in Sweden, and British Telecom is promoting it heavily in France. At a seminar in Paris last month, academics from Ulster and the University of Karlstad, in Sweden, were extolling its virtues.

Karlstad is offering adult education courses by video in 13 rural communities. Professor Alvar Logskog, who runs the project, says: "They are getting two courses in one because they are learning about information technology as well as their own subject."

Local study centres provide the face-to-face contact needed to motivate students, but Professor Logskog says there is a personal touch to the courses in any case. "In a way, I get to know my distance-education students better than those at the university itself. We exchange messages all the time."

The university is also part of a consortium designed to use the system for mainstream higher education. Each of the partners will specialise in an area of strength, making its expertise available to the other universities.

Ulster is also using video-conferencing for a variety of activities. Academics from Imperial and University colleges, in London, have contributed to computing courses, and it is not unusual for Ulster's staff to participate in a dozen academic conferences a week by video.

Dr Nigel Gardiner, who heads Ulster's learning resources unit, says the new technology has enabled academics at the edge of Europe to remain involved in international networks. The only drawback is that it deprives them of travel, one of the few perks of academic life. One large company is offering its managers an air miles equivalent to the distances involved in video-conferences. The Association of University Teachers is watching closely.

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court — Law Report November 7 1994 — Chancery Division

Compensation order for nuisance

Botross v Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Buxton

[Judgment October 21]

Proceedings for statutory nuisance under section 82(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 were criminal in nature and as such the court had jurisdiction to make orders for compensation under section 35 of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 to those aggrieved by the nuisance.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by Marilla Botross by way of case stated of a decision by West London Justices on January 25, 1994 when hearing an information preferred against the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham for the existence of a statutory nuisance, as defined by section 79(1)(a) of the 1990 Act, at the appellant's flat, that an abatement order could be made against the respondent but there could be no order for compensation.

Section 82 of the 1990 Act provides: "(1) A magistrate's court may act ... on a complaint made by any person on the ground that he is aggrieved by the existence of a statutory nuisance.

"(2) If the magistrates' court is satisfied that the alleged nuisance exists ... the court shall make an order for either or both of the following purposes — (a) requiring the defendant to abate the nuisance ... (b) prohibiting a recurrence of the nuisance ... and may also impose on the defendant a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale."

Ms Bethan Harris for the appellant: Mr Karl Scholz for the respondent.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that the question for the court was whether the words "... and may also impose on the defendant a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale" in section 82(1) of the 1990 Act were sufficient indication of the intention of Parliament that if a magistrates' court was satisfied that a nuisance existed and that a local authority was responsible, proceedings by an aggrieved person should continue, as under the previous legislation, to be regarded as criminal in nature. In those circumstances a finding against the person alleged to be responsible would mean that he was a person "convicted" of an offence within section 35 of the 1973 Act.

Their Lordships, having considered the legislative history of section 82, found it impossible to conclude against that background that the addition of the words meant Parliament had intended to change the character of the proceedings.

The use of the word "fine" in the light of previous decisions would, on its own, have been a clear indication but the addition of the words "not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale", referring to section 37 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982, reinforced the conclusion that Parliament had considered that a summary offence would be proved if the justices were satisfied of the existence of the nuisance.

The distinction between the criminal jurisdiction of justices based on an information being laid and their civil jurisdiction based on the making of a complaint was not an argument which would assist the respondent.

In their Lordships' view the final words of section 82(2) provided the dominant indication of Parliament's intention that proof of the existence of a nuisance should continue to amount to proof of a criminal offence.

The assistance to be gained from the parliamentary debates in the case fell within the limits envisaged in *Pepper v Hart* ([1993] AC 593).

An examination of those debates gave a clear statement of the intention of government in accepting the amendment to restore the status quo and to re-enact the previous provision which made finding of responsibility for a statutory nuisance a criminal conviction enabling the court to award compensation under section 35 of the 1973 Act.

Solicitors: White Ryland, Shepherd's Bush; Mr C. T. Mahoney, Hammersmith.

Sufficient signature in clause

Weatherhill v Pearce

Before Judge Kolbert

[Judgment November 1]

Where a testator's name appeared in the attestation clause in the testator's handwriting and the evidence showed that the testator intended to give effect to the will, the handwritten name was sufficient signature for the purposes of section 9(a) and (b) of the Wills Act 1837, as substituted by section 17 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982.

Where a testator had already signed a will it was sufficient acknowledgment of that signature if he proffered the document which all concerned knew was a will for the witnesses to sign. No express declaration was necessary to satisfy section 9(c) of the 1837 Act, as substituted.

Judge Kolbert, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held in a reserved judgment granting Beverley Craig Weatherhill a grant of probate in solemn form of the will of his mother, Doris Weatherhill. The defendant was Ailsa Pearce, the plaintiff's sister.

Section 9 of the 1837 Act, as substituted by section 17 of the 1982 Act, provides:

"No will shall be valid unless — (a) it is in writing and signed by the testator or by some other person in his presence and by his direction; and (b) it appears that the testator intended by his signature to give effect to the will; and (c) the signature is made or acknowledged by the testator in the presence of two or more witnesses present at the same time; and (d) each witness either — (i) attests and signs the will; or (ii) acknowledges his signature in the presence of the testator (but not necessarily in the presence of any other witness) but no other form of attestation shall be necessary."

Mrs Shân Warnock-Smith for the plaintiff; Mr David Ainger for the defendant.

HIS LORDSHIP said that on June 11, the testator called at Rosebud Cottage, Probus, Truro, the house of Miss Iris Pennicard and Miss Eileen Mileham, who were both retired civil servants and plainly conscientious and careful ladies with an eye for detail in the best traditions of the Civil Service.

The testator had a handwritten document with her which she produced as her will. The will left most of her estate to her son, the plaintiff.

The will was headed "The Will Of" in gothic printing and underneath was written in handwriting "Mrs Doris Weatherhill" in capital letters. The word "Dated" then appeared in printing and "10th June 1985" in handwriting and it was assumed and not contested that the will had been written out on that date.

After the dispositive provisions the final clause read: "Signed by the said testator Doris Weatherhill in the presence of us present at the same time who at her request in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses."

Mrs Warnock-Smith, relying on In the goods of Pearn ((1875) 1 PD 70), *In re Casmore* ((1869) LR 1 P & D 653) and *In the goods of Moore* ([1901] P 44), argued that the presence of Doris Weatherhill's name in the attestation clause could amount to a signature for the purposes of section 9(a), as substituted.

In *Wood v Smith* ([1993] Ch 90) the Court of Appeal had held that all that was necessary to satisfy the statute was that there first be a signature and second that it be intended to give effect to the will.

In his Lordship's judgment, the appearance of the name "Doris Weatherhill" in the testator's handwriting in the attestation clause was a sufficient signature for the purposes of section 9(a).

It was then necessary to determine whether the testator by signing the attestation clause intended to give effect to the document as her will for the purpose of section 9(b), as substituted.

Mrs Warnock-Smith submitted that there was no doubt that the testator intended to make her will: she and the witnesses thought she had done so. His Lordship found that the evidence bore out the contention that the testator did intend to give effect to her will and therefore found that the requirements of section 9(b) were satisfied.

Both witnesses had signed the will separately in the presence of the testator but not in the presence of each other. There was some doubt as to whether the testator had acknowledged her signature in the presence of both of them together at the same time so as to satisfy section 9(c).

It was highly likely that all three ladies were at some time present together in the same large room referred to as the kitchen/diner which took up virtually the whole of the ground floor.

Mrs Warnock-Smith submitted that the maxim *omne rite esse acta praesumuntur* (all things are presumed to have been done rightly) should be prayed in aid to the effect that due execution of the will and acknowledgment by the testator of her signature in the presence of both her witnesses together had taken place; and that acknowledgment plus presence should then only be rejected if there were positive evidence otherwise.

It was certain that both ladies were asked to be witnesses of the testator's will and there was no evidence to suggest that they were not at some stage together with the testator in order to be witnesses to the making of her will.

His Lordship was satisfied in the light of the judgment of Lord Justice Scott in *Wood v Smith* that the correct approach was for the court to give effect to clear testamentary wishes if it was possible and proper to do so and that as the law leant against intestacy the court should not be astute to undermine a will unless there was clear evidence of non-compliance with the rules to be observed in its making.

The testator had made her intention plain in her diary and in a long letter to her daughter a copy of which was left with her will. Moreover, to take the completed will to Rosebud Cottage in haste before going on holiday to Spain, as she did, clearly indicated the testator's intention to take positive steps to validate her will by seeking the signatures of two witnesses.

In his judgment also, there was a sufficient acknowledgment of her signature by the testator. It was plain that a signature which had already been written could be acknowledged in many ways and no set form was required.

It was sufficient to proffer a document which all concerned knew was a will for the witnesses to sign and no express declaration was necessary. That was done in this case and there was no contrary evidence to cast doubt on the acknowledgment nor to rebut the presumption *omne rite esse acta praesumuntur*.

His Lordship therefore concluded that there was an effective execution of the will of Doris Weatherhill.

Solicitors: Hansell Wilkes & Co, Dartmouth; Nalder & Son, Truro.

Conditional order not unlawful

Regina v Peacock

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Potts and Mr Justice Sachs

[Judgment October 18]

A probation order was not unlawful where the judge imposing it incorporated a condition by warning the defendant not to commit any further offence during the order's currency or, if he did, he would come back to court and the upshot would be uncomfortable for him.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal, brought by leave of the single judge, against sentence by Jeffrey Gerard Peacock, aged 37, of King Street, Ramsgate, Kent, who, on a plea of guilty to theft, was sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court by Judge Rooke, QC, to a combination order comprising a two-year probation order and 80 hours of community service.

Mr Nigel van der Bijl, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr David Wicks for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that a probation order was designed, *inter alia*, to try to prevent the offender from committing further offences, and it was possible under sections 2(1)(b) and 3(1)(b) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973, as substituted by sections 8 and 9 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, to make an additional requirement in that regard. Paragraph 5 in Schedule 2 to the 1991 Act provided that an offender convicted of a further offence while a probation order was in force was not to be dealt with in the various ways set out in paragraph 4(1)(a) to (d) for failure to comply with any requirement of the order.

The appeal was brought on the basis that, by making the condition not to commit further offences the judge was making an unlawful order because, if that condition was breached he would not be able to be dealt with under those various provisions in paragraph 4(a) to (d). So be it, but paragraph 5 began "without prejudice to paragraphs 7 and 8" and under paragraph 8(2)(a)(b) an offender who committed an offence while on probation and was brought back to the crown court, the court could (a) revoke the original order, *simpliciter* or (b) revoke the order and deal with him in any way in which the court before which he had originally been convicted could have dealt with him.

It was absurd to suggest that, on imposing a probation order and making it a condition that the offender should not commit other offences, the judge was doing anything unlawful: quite the reverse, the judge was complying with the purpose of the substituted provisions in the 1973 Act. There was nothing wrong in the order.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Maidstone.

Discretion to forfeit surety's bail

Regina v Maidstone County Court, Ex parte Lever

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Hoffmann and Sir Tasker Watkins

[Judgment October 20]

A surety to a condition of bail could not complain that a large part of that recognisance was forfeited by a trial judge in the exercise of his discretion when the accused failed to appear at court and had in fact absconded.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of Mr Clive William Lever, from the refusal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Farquharson and Mr Justice Wright) on March 4, 1993, of leave to apply for judicial review of the order made by Judge Croft at Maidstone Crown Court on July 25, 1990, to estreat Mr Lever's recognisance given as a surety as part of the bail conditions imposed for the safe attendance at trial of the accused, Lewis Frank Clements, who had then absconded and had failed to appear at his trial.

Mr Michael Beckman, QC and Mr Justin Rushbrooke for Mr Lever; Mr Richard Drabble for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that it was for the trial judge in the exercise of his wide discretion to decide whether it would be fair or just to estreat some or all of the recognisance.

Unless the exercise of the judge's discretion was outside that which a reasonable judge on the facts would have done, or an irrational or perverse decision, judicial review of that decision would not lie.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN, concurring, said that a good deal of difficulty had been caused in the past by certain dicta of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in *R v Southampton Justices, Ex parte Green* ([1976] QB 11) and Lord Justice Lawton in *R v Bow Street Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Hall* (*The Times* October 27, 1986), the latter having been a summary, which might give the impression that the surety's degree of culpability was the guiding principle in the exercise of the discretion.

Those dicta had had to be explained away so often that there should be a ban on their future citation.

The law was now perfectly clear and particularly apposite to the present case were the remarks of Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, in *R v Southampton Justices, Ex parte Corker* ((1976) 120 SJ 214): "The real pull of bail, the real effective force that it exists, is that it may cause the offender to attend his trial rather than subject his nearest and dearest who had gone surety for him to undue pain and discomfort."

Sir Tasker Watkins delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: R. M. Falvey & Co, Putney; Treasury Solicitor.

Applications to strike out appeals on the merits

James and Another v Barclays Bank plc

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment October 27]

Applications to strike out appeals which had no reasonable prospect of success should only be made where the appeal was being brought in order to obtain some collateral advantage or where the application, if successful, would achieve a substantial saving of court time.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an application by Barclays Bank plc to strike out a notice of appeal served by Eduard James and Ellen Mosch against the decision on January 5 of Judge Weekes, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, dismissing their action against the bank for negligence and breach of contract.

Mr Nicholas Merriman, QC and Mr Ali Malek for the bank; the appellants in person.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the bank had not sought to strike out the appellants' notice of appeal on technical grounds; it had sought to strike out the appeal itself, on the ground that it was bound to fail.

It was established that the Court of Appeal had an inherent jurisdiction to strike out a notice of appeal which was frivolous, vexatious or an abuse of the process of the court, and that a notice of appeal which disclosed no proper ground of appeal could be struck out on that ground.

It was a power which was to be seldom exercised and then only in plain and obvious cases and where the appeal had no prospects of success.

There must be no possibility that the grounds stated in the notice were capable of argument or that the court would entertain new grounds not raised in the court below.

His Lordship wished firmly to discourage the use of such a procedure, even in a plain and obvious case where the appeal had no chance of success, unless either (i) the appeal was being brought in order to obtain some collateral advantage, such as the continuance of a business tenancy which could not be brought to an end until the proceedings, including any appeal, had been finally disposed of or (ii) where it was clear that the procedure if successful would achieve a substantial saving of court time.

In most cases it took as long to demonstrate that an appeal was bound to fail as it would do to demonstrate that it should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Mann gave concurring judgments.

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BANKS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8,457.90	Abbey Nat	416	- 5	4.7	14.0
1,713.88	Allied Irish	287	+ 7	4.9	8.8
2,315.90	Aust Nz Z	174	+ 3	...	...
2,415.70	Bank Scotland†	207	+ 2	5.3	20.7
8,694.40	Barclays	559	+ 3	3.2	11.7
1,357.00	Bk of Ireland	288	+ 3	3.6	16.1
11,094.50	Citicorp†	2850	+ 2	4.6	8.3
209.70	Close Bros	292	+ 6½	...	...
4,200.90	Commerzbk	232	- 4	4.0	...
34,670.40	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1120½	+ 43½	0.3	...
14,270.80	Deutsche Bk	1112½	+ 13½	0.5	...
190.80	Espirito Santo	1290½	- 900	2.3	...
114.80	First Nat Fin	783½	- 100	4.7	4.1
39,370.00	Fuji Bank Y	68	...	2.8	...
402.90	Hambros	1350	+ 14½	0.4	...
6,237.20	HSBC†	228	...	8.2	9.3
12,697.50	HSBC 10p†	739	+ 15	4.2	10.6
22.00	Joseph (L)	737	+ 12½	4.2	18.2
646.60	Kleinwort Ben	419	...	5.5	12.2
7,444.00	Lloyds	492	+ 1	5.8	8.5
6,505.70	Nat Aust Bk	574	+ 8	5.0	11.3
8,857.70	Nat West	486	+ 6	5.5	10.4
110.80	Ottoman Bank	505	+ 4	4.8	9.4
24.00	Rea Bros	2200	...	6.6	...
3,628.50	Ryl Bk Scot	81	...	1.9	17.1
1,369.60	Schroders	452	+ 13	3.3	20.4
383.90	Schroders N/V	1393	+ 48	1.7	12.5
157.30	Singer & Fried	1255	+ 12	1.8	11.5
2,783.10	Stand Chart	81	+ 3	4.9	10.4
3,421.30	TSB	280	- 1	2.8	9.9
1,387.00	Warburg SG	230	+ 11	4.4	11.8
4,944.90	Wells Fargo	619	+ 13	4.4	7.5
3,710.40	Westpac	8925	- 87½	3.8	...
18.50	Winttrust	202½	- ½	2.7	...
		218	+ 3	5.9	14.8

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7.42	Ascot Hldgs	2	...	...	...
4,845.10	Bass	555	+ 2	4.7	14.5
302.80	Boddington	249½	- 3½	4.2	12.4
37.90	Buckland Brw	182	- 4	3.5	15.1
32.70	Eldridge P 'A'	168	...	2.7	23.3
1,786.00	Fosters Brewing	53	- 2	5.2	...
77.10	Fuller Sm 'A'	378	- 2	2.8	15.6
850.80	Greenalls Grp	407	- 2	3.9	15.6
223.80	Greene King	529	...	3.0	14.7
23.90	Hall Woodhouse	85	+ 1	...	50.7
64.30	Hardy Hanson	257	- 3	4.3	13.1
3.48	Headlam	150	...	3.4	12.5
105.00	Holt J	3500	- 48	1.8	18.3
142.90	Mansfield	223	- 4	2.5	13.5
275.40	Marston Thmp	288	- 1	2.4	13.8
109.10	Morland	505	- 3	2.5	18.9
7.54	Paramount	7½	...	3.5	...
39.30	Regent Inns†	267	- 1	2.5	...
2,750.10	Scot & New	515	- 2	4.1	15.3
328.10	Vaux Group	285	+ 2	3.1	15.1
148.10	Wetherspoon JD†	408	+ 8½	2.0	...
2,981.10	Whitbread	570	+ 13	4.1	18.8
353.80	Wolverhmptn D	532	+ 17	3.1	14.9
57.80	Yates Bros	175	+ 2	2.1	21.8
14.40	Young 'A'	495	...	3.8	18.0

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
54.20	Abbey	140	- 5	4.7	18.7
53.40	Allen	165	...	4.8	19.8
198.20	Amec†	86	...	3.8	56.6
10.40	Andrews Sykes	73	+ 5	...	...
138.10	Ashtead	452	+ 3	1.5	28.6
48.40	Avonside†	113½	- 4½	4.8	13.3
3.86	Bailey (Ben) Con	35	...	2.5	21.4
8.92	Beacon	37	...	5.9	4.4
307.60	Beazer Dewit	169	+ 3	4.4	...
376.30	Beazer Homes†	134	- 1½	5.0	16.5
283.40	Bellway	208	+ 16	4.3	...
14.90	Bellwinch	33	- 1	...	28.0
294.50	Berkeley Gp	380	+ 5	2.3	15.8
24.80	Bett Bros	165	- 5	2.1	8.2
65.00	Boot (Henry)†	249	...	3.3	12.2
10.00	Brandon Hire	71	...	2.8	...
19.10	Br Bldg & Eng	170	- 10	8.1	10.3
368.80	Bryant†	132	+ 9	4.7	14.8
49.80	CALA	118	- 2	3.0	18.0
5.63	Campbell & Arm	39	- 3	...	...
6.02	Clarke T	49	...	3.2	41.5
121.70	Costain	27½	+ 1½	...	...
97.70	Countryside	128	+ 2	4.0	28.4
63.40	Crest Nicholson	84	...	2.4	15.6
18.20	Crossley	108	...	3.8	13.0
10.20	Edmund Hldgs†	20	+ ½	1.9	...
32.10	Ergo Group	328	...	4.2	13.4
23.10	Galliford†	28	- 1	4.8	...
1.55	Gibbs & Dandy	89	- 1	3.8	...
84.80	Gleeson (MJ)	840	...	2.1	...
6.40	Green (Ernest)†	83	+ 3	9.0	...
45.90	Havelock Europ†	176	- 4	2.1	16.1
339.10	Hewden-Stuart†	148	...	2.5	17.0
63.60	Higgs & Hill†	65	- 1	3.3	...
5.89	Howard Hldgs	23	...	4.3	21.5
3.79	Jarvis	10½	+ 1	...	...
61.60	Keller	110	...	4.3	12.8
168.10	Laing (J)†	236	- 1	4.8	21.3
30.30	Laing 6¼% Cv Pf	88	- ½	8.2	...
11.30	Lon Clydeside	125	...	4.8	17.9
28.60	Lovell (YJ)	74	...	...	...
54.80	Macalpine (A)†	218	...	3.1	...
134.70	McAlpine (A)†	192	- 4	4.2	28.6
56.00	McCarthy & S	57	...	1.1	...
179.00	Mowlem (J)	102½	...	2.4	...
254.80	Persimmon	218	+ 6	5.3	16.3
17.00	Pochins	1631½	...	2.5	...
101.80	Prowting	131	...	3.2	48.3
50.70	Raine Ind†	53	+ 1	7.1	11.8
9.71	Sethi-Reu	82	...	1.5	28.8
38.40	Sherif Hldgs	365	...	1.6	24.3
5.23	Skerco	112	...	4.1	15.7
22.28	Smart (J)	220	- 5	5.0	...
93.90	Spenrex	298	- 10	1.3	19.1
51.10	Tay Homes†	175	- 3	4.6	12.9
544.00	Taylor Woodrw	130	+ 2½	1.7	31.8
192.30	Tilbury Douglst	569	+ 4	7.2	43.6
5.75	Tomkinson	56	...	2.6	20.2
15.90	Try Group	23	...	2.7	...
53.50	Wainhomes	118	+ 2½	3.8	30.7
77.50	Walshouse	124½	- 1½	4.2	13.4
38.80	Ward Hldgs	88	...	...	...
103.20	Westbury	355	- 1	4.4	17.3
30.10	Wiggins	...	...	...	...
280.30	Wilson (C)	306	- 3	3.5	15.1
321.90	Wilson Bowden†	344	- 4	3.5	15.1
488.80	Wimpey G	186	...	4.8	20.6

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
11.80	Albrighton	16	...	3.9	15.3
184.50	Baxter Blue	337	...	2.1	...
21.40	Aberley Gp	30	...	2.3	29.0
1,486.50	BPB Ind	297	- 9	3.3	20.1
48.80	Baggeridge Brk	132	- 2	3.2	23.2
189.40	Bardon†	36	+ 1	6.8	...
312.60	Boustead Ind	209	+ 22	...	...
15.90	Blockleys†	64	- 2	1.8	...
2,082.10	Blue Circle†	286	+ 5	4.9	28.3
25.60	Breedon PLC	58	...	6.4	25.8
22.80	Br Dredging†	130	- 7½	5.4	15.6
1,224.50	CRH	349	+ 4	2.8	17.7
2.15	Calabrand Roy	47	...	...	...
128.20	Caps	297	...	3.8	15.1
1,647.50	Caradon†	275½	+ 7½	4.0	18.3
234.90	Caradon Wt†	139½	...	4.9	...
4.62	Chieftain Gp	54	...	8.1	10.8
7.57	Dyson (J&J)	85	+ 3	4.6	14.3
8.68	Dyson 'A'	72	- 3	6.1	10.8
11.80	Ecklyn Blinds	8½	...	2.8	...
67.80	Erwin	314	- 1	3.1	18.6
30.40	Erith†	64	- 1	3.7	38.0
184.50	Graham Grp†	161	- 2	3.6	13.4
171.80	Halstead (J)†	374	...	2.5	...
771.10	Hepworth†	293	- 3	8.3	14.7
7.35	Hewdons	79	+ 2	2.0	...
3.39	Hewitt (J)	188	- 25	2.2	...
276.20	Heywd Wms	286	...	5.9	16.2
187.80	Ibstock†	75	- 2	1.7	...
73.80	Johnston†	272	...	2.1	32.7
43.90	Lilleshall†	155	...	3.8	16.2
407.10	Marley†	142	+ 19	3.7	16.8
175.00	Marshalls	148	+ 2	3.7	17.5
504.00	Meyer Int	400	+ 28	3.4	19.9
200.70	Newman Tnks	186	+ 3	4.8	21.0
213.30	Nercros	122	- 1	7.2	21.9
4.18	Phoenix Timber	12	...	...	...
1,562.30	Pilkington	196	+ 4	2.8	...
210.10	Polypipe†	134	+ 2	2.1	...
1,970.00	RMC Grp†	1080	+ 33	2.7	20.7
4.56	Ramus	19	...	...	...
2,424.20	Redland†	468	- 4	6.7	21.7
14.70	Reliaff†	98	...	5.5	...
743.50	Rugby Group†	117	- ½	3.7	14.7
20.80	Russell (A)†	89	- 1	3.2	18.3
4.26	SMP†	17	...	1.5	23.7
36.20	Sharpe & Fisher†	175	...	3.1	12.8
181.80	Sheffield Insul†	247	+ 5	2.8	19.8
199.40	Spong Ram	44	+ 2	1.4	...
1,131.20	Tarmac†	123	+ 1½	5.8	...
17.50	Tilon	160	...	3.4	13.6
306.50	Travis Perkins	289	+ 5	3.5	18.4
2.62	Tudor	24	...	1.3	...
12.68	Ungroup	40	+ 3	...	...
1.27	Waterhouse	51	...	...	...
334.60	Wickes†	90	+ 1	1.8	20.2
51.20	Wilshaw	81½	+ 3	1.2	25.3
2,150.80	Wolseley	785	+ 26	2.7	15.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
20.70	Anglo Utd	2½	+ ½	...	...
22.40	App Hldg	102	...	...	...
322.60	Attwoods	114	+ 1	5.5	...
3.57	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...
10.10	Black Arrow	41	...	7.8	16.0
2.89	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	68.4
3.58	Card Gp	8½	...	...	17.4
2.46	Chemex	6½	...	...	...
15.40	Croxall	135	...	5.8	...
6.32	EFB	13½	...	0.9	8.8
55.80	Filofax	219	+ 8	1.0	20.8
58.80	Havelock	247	+ 1	8.0	17.6
121.40	Leigh	184	- 4	5.3	18.8
27.80	Nebo Gp	227	- 1	3.5	14.6
139.60	Photo-Me†	220	...	2.8	24.0
17.30	Pearl & Dean	54	+ 2	4.1	...
173.20	Pinebrook	173	...	2.5	20.4
1.25	Pools Group	8½	+ 1	...	...
26.90	Rodime	11	- 1	...	...
493.10	Scapa	283½	+ ½	3.6	17.4
175.00	Stoddard & Melbourne	95	+ 2	4.3	...
37.90	Swallow (Fdn)†	174	...	5.1	13.4
1,860.30	Waste Mgt Intl	498	- 7	...	18.7

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
721.70	Allied Colloids	137	+ 1½	2.1	22.0
30.50	Amber Ind	780	...	3.2	16.2
7,347.70	BASF DM	£129½	- 325	7.4	...
3,360.30	BOC	703	+ 20	4.1	20.7
395.80	BTP	293	- 4	4.3	18.5
9,513.30	Bayer DM58	£141½	+ 103½	6.3	...
77.10	Brent Chem†	114	- 1½	4.4	...
575.50	Br Vita†	237	+ 1	4.0	17.6
2.48	Cambridge Ion	19	...	...	...
61.50	Canning (W)†	182	...	5.6	30.8
1,849.80	Courtaulds	459	+ 24	4.0	37.0
457.80	Croda†	346	- 7	3.1	14.9
14.30	Deeflex†	135	...	4.3	15.3
19.90	Euro Colour	66	+ 4½	2.2	28.5
12.50	Gibbon Lyons	138	- 1	5.0	12.9
4.51	Headway	28	- 3	3.1	21.8
260.30	Hickson†	149	...	6.9	13.3
7,964.10	Hoechst	£134½	+ 489½	5.5	...
228.10	Holliday Chem	221	+ 4	2.5	18.1
5,506.50	ICI	773	- 20½	4.4	82.4
192.80	Kalon	144	+ 3½	3.5	18.6
1,336.50	Laporte†	699	+ 11	3.8	17.7
30.10	MTM	81	...	0.8	...
120.70	Manders†	304	- 4	4.1	14.8
65.90	McLeod Russel	108	...	7.0	17.0
25.10	Microtec	184	...	4.1	14.1
24,052.90	Montedison	497½	- 9½	4.1	22.9
5.25	Plasmec	115	- 7	4.1	...
45.70	Porvair	285	...	1.9	22.7
29.20	Suttclife Speak	94	...	1.8	28.2
6,478.20	Takeda Chem	740½	- 12½	0.9	13.9
101.60	Wardle Storeys	408	- 3	5.3	21.4
45.60	Wellington Hdg	183	...	3.3	18.6
57.90	Wolstenholme Rt	783	- 2	3.0	16.3
179.50	Yorks Chem	395	- 5	2.6	18.0
288.90	Yule Catto†	282	- 2	2.9	21.4

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
28.50	AB Inds	105	...	4.6	14.9
55.00	Acal	365	+ 1	3.0	17.8
28.00	Adam & Harvey	536	+ 30	3.4	7.4
4.04	Alexandra	28	...	2.7	21.4
79.70	Appleyard	125	...	6.0	21.2
11.80	Abs Br Eng	4½	...	1.4	58.8
137.30	BSS Group	391	- 1	4.2	21.9
7.89	Bearing Power	22½	...	4.2	14.3
15.00	Blackley Mtr	300	...	5.1	18.8
1.39	Bogod 'A'	28	...	3.1	...
17.70	Brackand	26	...	3.8	...
182.00	Bunzl†	849	...	4.9	18.9
4.27	Burgard Gp	15½	...	1.8	...
21.40	Bell Fibres†	90	...	3.1	...
15.60	Brown & Tawse	49	...	...	...
38.00	Bumbles	30	...	8.9	18.5
8.85	Callyns	279	...	5.3	18.2
38.70	Cadbri Plc	30½	+ 1½	4.5	19.4
13.00	Central Mtr	55	...	4.6	25.5
16.59	Cook (BC)	99½	...	8.9	11.0
342.00	Cowie	238	+ 25	4.3	11.7
33.60	Dag Motors†	140	...	9.8	18.1
28.60	Dewsht Vera	138	...	2.6	15.6
28.10	Dewsons 'B'	597	- 1	1.4	18.7
248.00	Diploma	438	- 12	3.6	17.8
597.40	Electrocomponts	460	...	2.8	20.1
49.60	Electron House	158	+ 3	2.5	16.3
214.90	Ellis & Everard	358	- 5	3.7	18.1
90.80	Evedellar	283	- 3	5.2	15.9
59.50	European Mtr	171	+ 1	4.8	11.6
150.70	Evans Halshaw	484	...	4.4	12.7
688.80	Farnell Electr†	511	+ 8	2.8	21.0
7.39	Fife Indmar	60	- 1	5.7	8.8
19.80	Gardiner	19½	...	5.1	8.7
8.44	Glynwed	22	- 2	...	24.3
8.84	Goodwin	79	...	3.4	22.2
138.20	Hartlys	273	+ 1	3.4	14.6
15.70	Hebdon	24½	+ 1	...	...
2.86	Holders Tech	35	...	7.8	10.9
45.10	ISA Intl	113	...	1.9	14.1
2,288.10	Inchcape†	435	- 3	4.3	14.5
5.28	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	13.4
272.40	Kwik-Fit	158	- 1	3.2	18.1
344.80	Lex Service	361	+ 26	4.6	13.8
37.80	Lookers	199	...	4.5	11.8
20.10	Malaya Grp	424	...	1.3	...
28.80	Middlesex Cp	6½	...	...	...
45.80	Nichols	440	+ 2	8.6	21.1
15.30	Northamber	98	+ 3	1.1	38.2
13.70	PCT†	155	...	6.9	15.0
94.90	Pendragon	246	+ 7	3.8	16.2
41.70	Perry Grp	185	...	5.3	9.0
32.40	Quicks Group†	141	...	4.7	14.8
11.60	REA	143	+ 7	5.2	28.6
4.18	Reece	3½	...	...	...
11.90	Rose Gp	6½	- ½	2.9	...
27.40	SEP Intl	34	- ½	3.3	16.0
13.40	TLS Range	37	+ 1	3.4	14.9
126.10	Time Products	238	...	4.7	15.8
73.20	Vardy (Reg)	150	...	3.6	14.9
55.40	Wholesale Ftgs	249	- 1	5.9	...
29.80	Wills Gp	17	- 1½	3.7	9.5
18.40	Wylo	88	- 5	1.0	...
11.30	Young (H)	88	- 1	6.1	72.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
134.60	Adwest†	183	+ 14	5.8	18.8
539.10	Autoliquest†	343	- 6½	1.3	27.7
15.80	Axcord†	49½	...	4.5	...
15,084.10	Brken Hill	931	- 23	2.2	37.5
11,023.10	BTR†	303	- 9	5.2	16.0
13,375.90	BAT†	434	- 6½	6.8	11.4
93.60	Bibby (J)	88	+ 2	4.2	...
1,261.10	Bradley Intl	48½	+ ½	8.7	...
12.80	Carron Si	12½	+ 1	...	4.8
651.40	Charter	761	- 4	8.7	21.6
1,897.70	Cookson†	248	+ 8	3.3	22.4
1,392.30	Hanson	208½	- 3½	6.8	20.3
1,158.80	Harrison Crsfld†	185	+ 2	8.8	18.8
10,294.10	Hutch Whamp	285½	+ 7½	1.9	20.9
3,719.50	Jardine Math	517½	+ 16½	2.8	12.1
5.38	Jourdan (T)	38	...	4.2	29.3
1,116.80	Lonrho	144½	+ 10	3.5	38.7
34.90	Porter Chadbn	37	- 2	...	...
354.60	Powell Duffryn	594	+ 1	5.5	15.2
28.20	Ropnert	122	...	7.7	13.8
2,754.80	Rolinsons	415	- 1	4.8	22.1
2,817.30	Sime Darby	169	- 1	3.4	16.6
235.30	Staveley	208	- 1	5.2	60.2
188.00	Suter▼	161	- 5	7.2	15.5
375.80	TT Group†	239	- 1	2.3	...
2,464.50	Tomkins	211	+ ½	4.4	13.5
898.10	Tomlinson H	83	...	1.5	...
57.40	Unitary	285	...	3.6	15.2
533.90	Wassall†	277	- 1	1.6	23.8
15.10	Widney	10	...	...	...
1,394.10	Williams Hldg	345	+ 1	4.7	21.3

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,544.70	East Midlands†	704	+ 37	4.6	48.8
2,071.70	Eastern Grp	803	+ 37	3.6	17.8
1,598.90	London Elect	729	+ 29	3.9	11.1
352.60	Manweb	828	+ 17	3.7	9.8
1,678.80	Midlands Elec	789	+ 31	3.7	12.2
6,346.80	National Power	495	+ 4	3.2	12.3
920.80	Northern Elec	823	+ 14	3.6	18.3
810.70	Nthn Ireland	371	+ 8	3.8	18.1
1,408.30	Norweb	815	+ 20	8.5	82.7
4,437.40	PowerGen	586	+ 7	2.8	12.4
1,250.50	Hydro-Elect	326	+ 8	4.8	10.3
2,913.10	Scottish Power	357	...	4.3	11.3
1,081.00	Seeboard	435	+ 20	3.4	11.5
828.10	Sth Wales	824	+ 27	3.9	11.2
949.70	Sth Western	794	+ 20	3.7	10.5
2,181.60	Southern Elec	805	+ 33	3.5	12.8
1,552.70	Yorkshire Elec	744	+ 26	3.9	14.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
42.00	Acorn Comp	82	- 1	...	...
85.18	Alba	132	...	3.4	15.0
169.80	Amstrad†	28	+ ½	2.2	...
29.40	Arlen†	32	- 1	...	...
389.80	Astec	84½	+ ½	1.3	17.3
358.80	Atlantic	...	...	2.6	18.7
1,286.00	BICC†	355	+ 16	4.8	22.4
26.50	Bowater Kindar	268	- 7	4.5	...
129.80	Bick	405	+ 1	3.2	16.3
565.30	Bowthorpe†	394	- 6	2.9	17.5
4.65	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½	- ½	1.8	10.2
5.04	Business Tech	7½	...	...	...
58.00	CML Micro	270	+ 1	2.8	17.2
82.00	Cabodo	28	...	...	72.7
12.20	Copyproco	115	...	4.7	...
401.20	Cray Elect	169	- 6	1.7	19.7
62.20	Critchley	444	+ 8	2.3	19.9
18.50	Dale	72	...	1.7	...
302.80	Dewis Bk Sys	322	+ 17	8.8	27.4
359.20	Delta	443	+ 11	4.1	19.9
137.50	Domino	519	- 1	2.8	22.3
95.70	Dowding Mills	64½	+ ½	5.0	23.5
88.40	Druck	1480	...	0.9	27.2
2,172.80	Electrolux 'B'	3059	- 171½	1.7	52.6
32.30	Ensco	30½	- 1½	6.4	...
7,384.70	Ericsson 'B'	3678½	- 43½	1.0	32.3
31.09	Eurocopy	64	...	3.5	18.9
326.60	Eurotherm	378	- 1	1.7	22.4
277.80	Fairey Group†	389	...	2.1	19.5
18.10	Forward Gp	185	+ 1	3.2	11.7
15.00	Forward Tech†	43	...	2.1	9.1
7,853.00	GEC	289½	+ 9½	4.7	14.4
217.40	Gestetner	187	- 3	2.8	...
94.80	Gowerly	147	- 3	5.1	13.8
51.10	Ind Control	128	+ 6	4.9	...
137.30	Kenwood App	374	- 2	3.0	17.9
300.70	Kodaar (A)	885	...	4.8	39.8
5.83	Kode	82	+ 2	8.1	...
4.85	LPA Ind	34	...	3.7	...
57.10	MDL Inst	317	- 1	1.7	18.1
128.90	Memitor-Sa	238	- 2	2.0	20.1
22.80	Microdec	35½	+ 3	...	...
233.30	Mitel	221	+ 7	...	...
30.30	Mercury Eur▼	114	...	2.2	...
8.41	Oxbs	33	...	2.8	...
3.29	Pacer Systems†	70	...	6.3	25.3
100.30	Pixels	84	+ 5	5.1	21.1
6,785.50	Philips Lmp of	2025	+ 62½	9.9	8.3
12.50	Pico Ec 'A'	2100	...	5.8	...
33.80	Plico	364	...	1.6	24.3
22.90	Plico 'A' Vtg	332	...	1.7	22.8
25.60	Pressac	184	+ 4	3.7	...
11.08	Pristeck	27	+ 1	...	...
56.30	Pyke	252	- 3	1.4	17.7
678.10	Racal Elect	242	- 15	2.2	19.9
0.58	Radamec†	52	...	4.8	14.3
124.00	Roxbord†	236	...	2.4	18.8
8.21	Scanionic	22½	+ 2	4.7	...
87.20	Scholes Grp	253	...	8.8	...
22.40	Silvermines	35	...	2.9	20.8
6.97	Soundtracks	83	...	4.8	14.3
48.40	Sika Box	48	- 1	8.7	7.5
0.99	TDS Circuits	11	...	...	...
3,854.40	TDK	2931½	- 62½	1.1	...
75.90	Telemetrix	83	- 2	1.5	10.8
19.10	TGI	89	+ 2	2.8	16.6
180.50	Telspec	317	+ 5	1.0	34.3
28.00	Thorne EMI	225	+ 10	1.8	16.5
3.63	Total Systems	38	...	...	37.4
84.00	Tunstall	255	+ 4	1.8	18.3
248.30	Unitech	382	...	2.3	28.3
18.40	Vailly	9	...	...	...
104.90	Volex	395	+ 1	5.7	17.4
18.00	Wholebourne	91	- 3	...	...
91.70	Whitecroft	141	- 2	1.8	22.3

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
21.20	AIM	160	...	3.8	40.0
189.20	APV†	82	+ 1½	8.9	...
128.30	ASW†	188	...	4.0	...
18.00	Aero Hamble	28	- 1	16.7	2.8
8.84	Aerospace Eng	18	...	5.2	51.9
24.50	Alvis	44	+ 9	2.8	30.6
41.80	Ash & Lacy†	158	...	3.1	18.3
98.00	Atlas Equipt	538	+ 3	5.1	17.9
41.30	Ayrshire Metal	113	...	1.2	...
49.90	BM Gp	45	+ ½	...	...
247.40	Babcock	28½	- ½	...	...
68.40	BBB	143	...	6.0	...
118.79	Bagnos (Charles)†	82	+ 4	2.7	21.0
7.71	Bearford	32	- 1	...	...
2.26	Beverley	49½	...	...	64.6
2.19	Billam (J)	135	+ 10	4.9	8.4
180.80	Bodycote	312	+ 1	2.2	21.1
2.69	Booth Inds	65	...	...	...
12.28	Bouney	15½	...	4.3	15.8
89.50	Bristar	157	+ 1	3.2	...
1,720.70	Br Aerospace†	454	- 3	2.5	39.9
3,127.90	Br Steel	155	- 4½	1.8	57.4
84.30	Bronsgrove Ind	89½	+ 1	6.4	11.2
4.57	Brooke Tool	12½	...	...	...
177.50	Bullough	149	+ 1	3.1	24.3
24.40	Burgdell	71	- 1	3.3	38.5
13.00	CI Group	15	...	2.5	...
162.80	Carclo Eng	249	+ 1	4.6	16.3
57.40	Castings	138	- 1	2.4	16.7
11.69	Chamberlin Hill	189	...	5.1	10.1
65.08	Chemring	284	- 8	4.1	16.0
14.70	Clyde Blowers	187	...	2.8	52.3
4.19	Cohen (A)	540	...	8.8	...
87.40	Concentric	176	- 2	4.2	14.8
54.60	Cook (Wm)	209	- 4	3.6	12.7
125.90	David Brown†	218	+ 6	3.8	15.4
97.70	Dobson Park	78	...	8.8	15.4
178.70	EIS	380	...	4.0	15.5
31.59	Elliott (B)	36	+ 1	1.4	13.6
69.89	Expamet†	101	- 1	3.2	71.6
782.90	FKI	157	- 1	2.8	18.2
251.00	FR Group†	332	+ 26	2.9	16.6
52.60	Fenner	184	- 1	0.4	...
7.72	Feraum	31	- 3	...	...
28.00	GEI Intl	78	- 4	2.5	21.3
4.77	Gaston Engt	125	- 2	4.6	...
698.80	Glynwed†	337	+ 8½	4.3	19.7
37.10	Graystone†	13½	...	2.2	11.4
74.70	Haden MacLx	68	- 3	3.7	17.9
8.62	Hadleigh	118	- ...	2.1	13.9
46.70	Hall Engt	147	...	6.8	11.5
444.40	Halma	223	+ 4	1.3	26.2
30.80	Hampson Ind	50½	+ ...	5.0	8.6
15.10	Hasbs (Philip)	140	...	6.1	17.3
3.90	Hay (Norman)	26	...	...	...
48.30	Hill & Smith	148	...	4.9	16.1
41.40	Hopkinsons	59	...	3.1	...
16.30	Hov Grp	38	- 1	2.4	...
250.10	Howden	88	...	3.5	13.8
153.70	Hunting†	158	+ 2	7.8	31.3
119.70	Ibridge Tec	428	+ 3	1.6	19.7
1,018.70	IMI	312	+ 12	4.1	20.5
47.70	Johnson & FB	34	- 1	1.3	...
1,107.80	Johnson Matth	580	+ 18	2.5	23.1
7.71	Jones Stroud	38	...	...	...
8.80	Kelsey Ind	319	+ 4	3.1	...
18.50	Lincat	233	+ 7	3.7	14.5
4.35	Locker (T) A	14½	- ½	1.7	-
68.28	ML Hldgs	38	...	2.8	13.2
9.22	MS Intl	30	- 17	10.4	18.1
23.40	Mang Bronze†	142	- 3	3.5	11.1
489.18	McKechnie†	412	- 3½	4.5	15.2
138.10	Meggitt	73	...	6.7	11.9
97.30	Metalrax	107	...	4.4	17.8
28.20	Molinst	131	...	2.9	18.2
107.10	Molins	539	...	3.7	10.8
681.40	Morgan Cruc†	316	+ 6	5.1	15.3
24.50	Martin Ashby	210	...	3.6	...
8.84	Neepsend	36	...	4.3	16.8
14.00	Neolronics	54	+ 1	6.0	11.7
2.23	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...
19.60	OMI Intl	44	+ 1	5.3	...
158.50	Oxford Inst	309	...	2.0	18.2
247.00	Powerscreen	282	- 13	3.4	12.5
28.10	Prospect Inds	14	...	7.3	7.5
1.39	Railway Mogul	80	...	...	...
35.80	Ransomes	63	+ 5	...	...
28.50	Record†	85	...	5.3	19.1
142.80	Renishaw†	292	...	3.0	25.6
114.20	Renold	173	- 1	1.8	24.8
4.27	Richards (Leics)†	51	...	5.5	35.5
29.50	Richardson West	82	...	4.9	18.0
2,178.00	Rolls-Royce†	177	+ 2½	3.5	31.2
148.80	Rotork	160	...	3.4	16.3
29.40	Rutucon	135	- 2	4.3	15.2
241.60	Senior Engt	80	...	6.3	13.0
28.60	Servomex†	266	...	3.1	28.4
2,941.20	Siebe	547	+ 13½	2.5	17.6
151.70	Simon Eng	97	- 2½	...	...
43.10	Six Hundred	80	- 1	2.3	...
712.60	SKF 'B'	1118½	- 31½	...	...
1,373.50	Smiths Inds†	459	+ 14½	3.5	17.7
350.40	Spirax-Sarco†	461	+ 9	2.7	19.2
66.40	Sterling Ind	237	...	3.3	21.3
1,698.80	TI	363	+ 10½	3.9	20.1
8.61	Tanby (E)	118	- 1	5.9	19.2
51.60	Transtec Tech	54	- 2	7.8	7.5
84.10	Triplex Lloyd	130	...	6.1	...
35.90	Util Inds▼	16	...	0.8	...
524.10	VSEL†	1380	- 15	3.2	12.9
22.20	Vesma	15	+ ½	...	...
593.30	Vickers	189	+ 13	2.4	18.1
105.60	Victaulic	239	...	4.2	13.1
12.98	Villiers Gp ©	11	...	...	...
219.50	Vosper†	511	+ 21½	2.0	13.4
240.50	Vosper Thorny	754	+ 35	3.0	16.3
216.20	Wagon Ind	486	+ 1	4.8	23.7
543.80	Weir▼	277	- 1	3.0	16.5
47.30	Wellman	39	+ 1	2.9	63.7
87.90	Westland†	382	...	3.4	14.0
31.50	Whatman	107	- 4	9.6	8.2

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
9.28	AAF Inds	40	- 1	...	...
7.08	Abbey Panels	350	+ 5	...	...
13.00	Airflow Strmnt	152	...	3.3	14.9
142.00	Avon Rubber	534	- 3	3.9	23.2
702.20	BBA†	187	+ 2	3.0	...
175.00	BSG†	59½	+ 2	6.7	37.2
13.00	Benson Group	19	...	4.1	13.7
47.00	Bestwood	298	+ 1	2.5	17.0
29.00	Caravale	13½	+ 1	1.4	13.7
31.70	ERF	323	...	0.8	...
51.50	First Tech	331	- 2	1.3	19.1
2,895.80	GKN	604	- 7	4.2	35.3
17,141.80	General Mtr	2412½	- 37½	2.1	...
10,436.90	Honda Motor	1071½	+ 11½	0.4	...
436.20	Laird†	379	+ 26	3.7	17.4
1,504.90	Lucas†	195	+ 5	4.5	...
187.80	Mayflower†	54	...	3.2	22.0
38.89	McKechnie	77	+ 2	...	10.7
36.90	Sylena	161	...	3.8	17.8
1,159.20	T & N†	219	+ 11	6.2	19.1
157.30	Trinity Hldgs	306	- 4	2.7	22.8

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,547.00	AB Food	566	+ 15	3.3	11.1
118.20	Acatos & Hutch	275	- 4	3.9	11.0
304.30	Albert Fisher†	43	+ 1½	10.8	14.6
18.90	Banks (S C)	220	...	5.5	8.4
79.90	Barr (AG)	375	+ 5	2.2	24.2
7.54	Borrows Cap	41	- 1	8.8	...
983.80	Booker†	403	- 1	6.8	14.8
29.50	Bodissal	51	...	3.2	21.8
22.28	CPL Aromas	204	- 4	1.8	19.5
3,665.20	Cadbury-Schwt	440	- 1	4.4	14.6
128.30	Carr Milling	187	+ 3	4.0	10.1
20.60	Clearwick	148	...	6.9	12.4
11.90	Dalepak	103	...	1.8	...
994.80	Dalgety†	433	+ 2	6.1	12.1
4.48	Daniels S	54	...	0.7	...
280.20	Devro	215	+ 3	3.6	14.5
14.20	Everest†	56	...	5.6	...
1.31	Fairlygold	5	- ...	...	...
74.80	Fellay (James)	75	- 2	7.1	9.9
15.70	Global†	13	...	4.8	11.8
18.00	Grand Central	46	...	...	...
290.20	Hazlewood Fds	128	...	6.7	7.8
1,172.40	Hillsdown†	169	- ½	6.5	12.0
39.49	JLI Group	85	...	6.3	13.4
68.50	Linton Park†	466	+ 2	5.5	11.4
144.00	Matthews (B)	119	+ 3	2.9	13.9
94.30	Nichols (JN)	239	- 8	3.1	15.3
1,148.80	Nlhn Foods	280	- 3½	5.5	9.8
7.37	Nidoubra Fn	12	+ 1½	...	...
4.59	Pascoe's	30	- 3	...	...
92.50	Perkins Food	75	...	7.4	12.6
3.57	Sealey Farm	83	+ 2	3.4	8.4
27.80	Slimfood	80	- 1	11.7	...
1,538.90	Tate & Lyle	428	+ 6	3.9	10.8
19.70	Tesall	307	- 11	2.5	16.9
820.60	Unigate	359	+ 12	6.2	9.8
9,195.00	Unilever	1131	- 2	2.8	16.3
11,682.90	Unilever (NV)	7271½	+ 46½	2.9	14.8
1,572.70	Utd Biscuits†	318	+ 17	6.0	26.0
6.42	Usborne	7	...	5.9	6.2
14.00	West Trust	33	- 1	9.5	28.1
50.80	Yorkshire Food†	114	- 2	3.6	13.5

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
348.40	AAH	388	- 2	5.8	13.8
588.30	Amersham	985	+ 14	2.0	20.6
27.48	Aragen	84	+ 2	...	...
40.40	Assoc Nursg	245	...	1.0	14.3
88.60	Bespak	271	- 3	4.7	13.9
26.10	Care UK	8½	...	...	...
42.60	Cels	71	+ 3	...	...
82.50	Chiroscience	82	+ 3	...	...
51.90	Cortecs	47	...	...	...
81.10	Community Hlt	245	- 2	4.9	14.1
60.70	CryoCare	32	...	3.0	...
38.60	Endewood	133	+ 13	0.2	...
8.31	Forum Group	65	...	3.0	13.0
61.40	Goldsborough	140	- 3	2.9	15.3
17.70	Greencourt	19	- ...	4.2	13.3
13.10	Intercare Gp	46	+ 2	9.5	4.9
35.60	Isotron	285	+ 1	2.1	...
256.60	Life Sciencest	148	+ 7	3.5	14.7
37.00	Lon Intl	88	+ 2	...	...
35.20	Medio-SMA	9½	...	8.4	11.6
4.34	Premier Health	...	...	...	...
38.70	Quality Care	255	...	2.2	14.8
101.10	Scholl	150	...	3.5	14.4
187.20	Seton Health	348	- 11	2.6	17.6
11.20	Shield Diag	68	...	...	...
1,588.20	Smith & Nephw	144	+ 1	4.4	15.9
1.48	Spectrolyso	9	- 1	...	...
278.20	Takare	222	- 5	1.2	19.3
448.20	UniChem▼	283	- 7	3.2	15.0
184.60	West Hosecare	362	- 2	1.6	...

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
58.30	Airsprung	244	...	2.5	15.2
11.20	BLP Group	158	+ 5	0.7	46.1
3.03	Blidan Brass	36	+ 1	...	...
38.80	Crest Pkr 'A'	98	- 3	7.4	21.5
8.97	Craigievar Hl	194	...	1.3	...
51.80	Derby Group	155	+ 1	2.5	15.1
7.65	Gestell	145	...	3.7	...
10.36	Linthwaite	5½	...	4.8	...
38.80	Maybourn†	186	...	4.0	12.4
136.40	Ordnance Intl	255	- 4	5.1	11.5
25.40	Osbourne & Little	415	- 6	2.0	15.1
111.00	Polypipe Zeit	454	+ 1	3.8	...
180.00	Polypipe Zeit 'A'†	435	+ 1	4.0	...
2,195.80	Reckitt Colm▼	584	+ 4	3.9	14.8
54.50	Relyon	257	- 2	2.5	46.9
108.50	Silentnight	230	- 1	4.3	14.4
23.20	Stoddard	35	+ 1	4.7	13.2
13.30	Tomkinsons	214	...	5.7	20.2
18.10	Victoria Carpet	158	...	3.8	8.1
101.30	Walker Greenbk†	105	...	4.0	18.7
411.10	Wilfred Widget	38	...	...	45.2
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
508.50	Alex & Alex	1225	+ 25	5.4	...
3,557.30	Am Genl	1700	+ 12½	4.3	...
58.70	Angerstein	87	+ 1½	1.7	71.7
20.88	Archer	57	+ 1	2.2	...
56.80	Bradstock	94	...	7.4	10.8
779.30	Britannic	411	- 3	4.0	...
76.70	CLM Insce	89	- 1	2.0	...
3,661.50	Com Union▼	554	+ 8	5.7	20.9
45.30	Delian	88	...	0.7	...
133.60	Dom & Genl	1870	...	2.1	17.9
107.50	FAI	35	+ 2	1.3	...
65.70	FBD IE	162½	...	4.2	7.6
49.80	Fenchurch Grp	148	- 4	6.4	12.5
27.30	Finsbury Undr	91	+ 2	1.3	38.7
2,863.60	Gen Accident†	586	+ 5	5.9	8.6
1,871.80	GREt	181½	+ 1½	5.1	21.4
56.10	HCG Lloyds†	88	+ 1	1.9	72.5
153.30	Heath C E	233	- 2	6.6	...
101.80	Hibernian IE	197½	...	4.8	7.4
30.00	Hiscox Select	100	+ 2	3.8	...
111.00	Independent	249	- 4	4.4	6.7
571.20	Irish Life†	188	- 1	6.2	17.8
186.10	JIB Group	139	- 2	7.2	11.9
2,131.50	Legal & Genl†	495	- 11½	5.9	17.3
3,373.00	Liberty Life†	1415½	+ 28½	7.2	5.5
263.20	London Ins Mkt	94	+ 1	1.3	32.8
134.20	Lloyd Thmpt	192	+ 8	5.1	12.7
2,411.80	Lloyds Abbey	347	- 9½	6.7	10.5
82.30	Lombard Ins	175	...	5.5	16.7
384.10	Londn & Manf	318	- 3	6.4	15.8
263.20	London Ins Mkt	94	+ 1	1.3	32.8
88.70	Lowndes Lmb	183	- 2	5.8	10.3
3,464.70	Marsh McLnt	4700	+ 125	3.8	...
37.00	Mastiand	82	+ 2	...	...
78.30	Nelson Hurst	173	- 1	4.8	17.3
46.20	New London Cap	77	...	0.8	...
27.30	Orion†	112	- 3	5.6	...
16.40	Premium Trust†	30	+ 2	3.8	...
13.60	Premium Undr	103	+ 1	...	...
6,130.50	Prudential†	332	+ 1½	5.3	13.9
16.80	PWS	35	+ 1	10.7	...
419.50	Refuge†	267	- 8	5.4	19.7
2,025.10	Royal	268	+ 18	3.7	7.8
813.70	Sedgwick	148	- 3	5.0	18.9
55.10	Steel Burrill	115	+ 2	8.8	...
38.50	Sturge Hldgs	78	...	4.8	...
2,758.70	Sun Alliance†	341	+ 12	5.5	9.5
27.20	Syndicate Cap	84	+ 1½	1.3	...
109.70	Toxle Indemnity†	60	...	1.9	13.4
1,042.60	Transatlantic	345	+ 1	4.3	31.2
375.60	Utd Friendly	458	- 20	4.7	23.5
594.70	Willis Corroon	142	- 2	5.8	13.7
8.11	Windsor	24	...	...	18.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,877.30	3i	322	...	2.5	...
45.50	Abtrust Emerg	81	+ 1½	...	...
35.26	Abtrust High Inc†	88	+ 1	8.0	...
96.80	Abtrust N Dawn	224	...	0.5	...
697.00	Alliance	1760	+ 21	3.4	
215.50	American Trust	259	- 3	2.6	...
479.60	Anglo & O'seas	423	- 2	2.1	
44.50	Baillie Gifford SN	155	- 3		
289.90	Bankers†	186½	+ 1½	2.6	
61.70	Baring Em Eur	49½	- ½	0.2	
165.70	Baring Tribune	325	- 2	2.5	
11.40	Berry Starq	220	...	1.2	
98.00	Bristec Inv	165	...		
366.70	Br Assets	95½	+ 3	5.2	
121.70	Br Empire Sec	91½	+ ½	1.3	
4.92	Br Empire Wts	32	...		
652.10	Br Inv	209	+ 3	2.9	
59.10	Brazilian	93	+ ½	0.3	
152.30	Brunner	339	+ 3	2.8	
63.00	BZW Conv	123	+ ½	7.9	
72.80	Candover	326	...	4.3	
114.00	Central Euro Gwth	57	- 1	...	
36.90	Chars & Eastern	181	- 2	2.4	
42.70	Conti Assets	195	...	1.9	
5.91	Dense Inv Inc	81	- 1	12.3	
45.30	Derby Cap	295	+ 7	...	
18.90	Derby Inc	160	+ 3	12.3	
9.48	Drayton Blue	75	...	14.0	
43.10	Dryn Eng Inv	88	+ 1	1.1	
165.30	Dryn Far East	143	+ 2	0.6	
292.80	Dunedin Inc G	633	+ 7	5.2	
36.00	Dunedin Japan	90	+ 2	...	
51.40	Dundee Small	336	+ 1	3.7	
3.16	Dunedin Wts	39½	...		
256.60	Dunedin Wrde	783	+ 3	1.6	
893.20	Edinburgh†	304	+ 3½	3.6	
102.00	Edinburgh Inca	51	...		
293.30	EFM Dragon	111	+ ½		
16.80	EFM Japan	168	+ 5		
564.30	Electra Inv	326	+ 2	3.7	
176.30	Electric Gen	195	+ 2	2.1	
8.03	Eng & Caledon	179	...	2.8	
1.45	English Scot	110½	+ 1½		
72.80	European Assd	292	- 1	2.0	
80.83	Fidity Euro Val	155	+ 1½	0.2	
139.50	Fidity Jap Val	89	+ 1½		
37.40	Fleshury 'A'	156	...	2.4	
26.60	First Spanish	73	- 1	0.4	
189.90	Fleming Amer	283	- 2	0.5	
49.70	Fleming Chinese	82½	+ 3	0.9	
110.30	Fleming Claverl	287	+ 2	3.3	
205.00	Fleming Cont	314	+ 1	0.9	
81.65	Fleming Emrg	204	+ 2	2.9	
541.30	Fleming F East	358	- 2	0.5	
44.70	Fleming Fledg	356	+ 1	1.1	
31.80	Fleming Hi Inc	98	+ 2	5.6	
80.20	Fleming Indian	95½	+ 1½		
28.20	Fleming Intl	38	+ 1½	11.7	
447.80	Fleming Japan	359	+ 6½		
386.70	Fleming Merc	274½	- 3½	3.1	
385.88	Fleming O'seas	280½	- 1	1.8	
4.89	Fleming Wts	40	+ 2		
1,408.30	Foreign & Col	134	...	1.7	
127.30	Frgn Emg Mkts	127	+ ½	0.3	
66.70	Frgn Enterprise	71	...	1.1	
136.10	Frgn Eurotst	225	- ½	0.7	
46.80	Frgn German	119	+ 1	0.5	
374.10	Frgn Pacific†	325	+ 1	1.0	
57.60	Frgn PEP†	121½	- 1	3.6	
173.30	Frgn Smaller	165½	+ 1	1.5	
51.00	Frgn US Smlr	99	+ 2		
4.01	Fulcrum Cap	25	- ½		
5.39	Fulcrum Inc	48	...	22.6	
11.80	Fulcrum Zero	137	+ 1		
97.00	Gartmore Brit†	194	+ 2	2.3	
23.09	Gartmore Euro	135	+ 1	0.8	
32.60	Gartmore Shd	96	- 2	12.5	
25.20	Geared Inc Intl	119	- 2	9.5	
27.58	Genl Cons Cap	152	- 2		
39.16	Genl Inc	108	- 1	10.1	
44.00	Gov Emg Mkts	123	+ 3½	0.3	
35.90	Govett Am Smlr	144	+ 3½		
18.78	Gov Glob Smlr	86	- 1		
39.20	Govett High Inc	82	+ 1	7.0	
711.60	Govett Oseas†	396	+ ½	0.4	
233.70	Govett Strategic	238	+ 3	3.6	
47.80	Greenbar	416	...	2.0	
0.81	Greshams House	19	...		
152.90	GT Japan†	245	+ 3	0.6	
89.70	H Govett Smlr Coy	122	+ 2	1.0	
30.00	Hend Highl	115	...	6.2	
46.80	Hend Strata	260	+ 1	0.6	
59.80	Herald	92	...		
106.10	HTR Jap Smaller	105	+ 2	0.5	
9.39	I&S Ent	13	- 1		
29.60	I&S UK Smlr	102	+ 1	3.5	
329.00	Inv Cap	133	+ 7	4.9	
	Inv Biotech	90	...		
	Inv Wts	37	...		
35.10	INVESCO Korea	152½	- 3½		
28.70	J Fry 2nd U	99	+ 1	8.1	
10.39	J Fry Euro U	97	...	6.2	
141.40	JF Fledg Jap	224½	+ ½		
27.30	Jupiter Intl Gn	108	- 1	3.9	
163.60	Klwrt Chi	282	+ 1½	3.2	
35.80	Klwrt E Mkt	127	+ 1		
32.70	Klwrt End	109	...		
387.50	Klwrt Euro Prvt	77½	- 1		
28.80	Klwrt Euro Wts	26	...		
25.20	Klwrt H Inc	84	- 3	11.2	
187.70	Klwrt O'seas	234	...	1.8	
16.90	Klwrt Smlr	128	- 2	3.0	
133.80	Latin American	148½	+ 3½		
165.90	Law Debenture	731	+ 10	3.3	
22.50	Lazard H Inc	99	...	8.1	
19.40	Lloyds Sm Cap	79	...		
7.24	Lloyds Sm Div	29½	...	15.0	
26.50	Lloyds Sm Ptg	108	+ 1	4.1	
39.40	Lon St Lawrence†	156	+ 1	5.0	
30.30	Lon & Strathclyde†	210	- ½	3.4	
37.90	Lon Smaller Co's	83	- 1	4.8	
67.20	Lowland	292	+ 1	4.1	
228.50	Lyderburg	1431½	- 9½	1.6	
55.50	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	555	+ 17		
13.50	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	135	+ 1	22.2	
109.00	M&G Dual Cap	2565	+ 30		
16.70	M&G Dual Inc	290	...	30.3	
69.00	M&G Inc Geared	69½	- 1	9.0	
75.20	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	30½	+ ...		
94.95	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	38½	...	15.9	
174.59	M&G Inc Package	130	- 1½	5.1	
128.80	M&G Inc Zero Div	52½	+ ...		
43.10	M&G Rec Cap	32	...		
641.80	M&G Rec Geared	64½	...	7.4	
43.80	M&G Rec Inc	32½	...	14.7	
1,317.20	M&G Rec Package	132	...	3.8	
92.90	M&G Rec Zero Div	69	- ...		
25.80	M Comp Euro	112	+ 1	8.3	
59.50	M Cuda Pac	146	- 2	0.3	
104.00	Majedie	198	+ 3	3.4	
10.70	Marston	52	...		
446.20	Merc Wld Mg	185½	- 5½		
269.60	Merchants†	353	+ 3	5.3	
86.30	Mercury Euro Pr	83½	- ½		
35.70	Mercury Wts	39½	+ 1		
32.80	Mercury Wld Wts	38½	+ 1½		
495.10	Mantis Inv Tst	522	+ 2	1.7	
52.40	Mnrg Gen Inc	132	+ 1	4.6	
2.33	Mnrg Wts	48	...		
65.10	Mntg Late Amer	107½	- 1		
7.51	Mntg Wts	58½	- 1		
30.30	Murray Eur▼	114	...	2.2	
17.70	Murray Euro	59	...	0.6	
288.40	Murray Income	333	+ 6	4.5	
401.50	Murray Intl†	334	+ 3	4.7	
18.18	Murray S/C DP	157½	- ½		
8.09	Murray S/C Cap	144	- 2		
6.88	Murray S/C Inc	86	- 1	16.3	
1.58	Murray S/C Ihc	3050	...	4.5	
27.00	Murray Small	463	- 1	1.1	
75.80	Murray Vent	337	...	4.7	
1.56	Murray Em Wts	55	...		
1.05	Murray Eu Wts	17½	- ½		
5.70	Newmarket†	16	...		
23.90	Nthrng Inc†	61	- 1	6.3	
18.60	Nthrng Cap	75	- 1		
136.20	O'seas Inv Tst	357½	- 5½	1.2	
3.66	O'seas Wts	254	+ 1		
107.50	Pacific Assets	92	+ 1	0.7	
13.90	Pacific Wts	42	+ 6		
38.20	Perpetual Jap	184½	+ 3		
13.30	Personal Assets	8700	...	2.5	
46.30	Pilot Inv	135	...	1.5	
9.46	Piper Euro Sm	94	...		
316.20	RIT Cap Ptnr	175	...		
11.10	River Merc Am Cap	35½	...		
7.80	River Merc Am Inc	104	...	9.4	
1.31	River Merc Sm Wts	12½	...		
48.70	River Merc Cap	121	- 2		
34.60	River Merc Ex Inct	93	...	7.5	
1.02	River Merc Ex Incwts	17	- 4		
12.28	River Merc Grd Inc	87	...	11.0	
9.80	River Merc Grd Prf	29	...		
22.50	River Merc Tst Inc	112	- 2	10.2	
1.42	River Merc Wt	23½	- 3½		
33.70	River Merc Sm Cos	122	...	4.2	
1.70	River Merc Sm Wt	35	- 3		
	Robeco	435	...	3.1	
	Rolinco	415	...	1.9	
6.93	Schrod Jap	70	- ½		
113.10	Schrod Jap Gwth	96½	- ½		
10.50	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	42	...		
0.19	Schrod Jap Wt	11½	...		
61.60	Schrod Korea Fd	93½	- 6½		
4.62	Sch Korea Fd Wt	479½	+ 4		
39.90	Sch Spl Zero Div	105½	+ ½		
8.62	Sch Spl Fd Cap	30½	...		
63.40	Sch Split Fd Inc	112	+ 2	5.6	
21.80	Schrod UK Gwth	53	+ 4½		
	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	46	+ 1		
551.00	Scot	216	...	2.9	
351.10	Scot American	257	- 1	3.9	
60.50	Scot Asian	288	+ ½		
5.66	Scot Wts	80½	...		
625.90	Scot Eastern	83	- 1½	2.4	
802.00	Scot Mtge	224	- 2	2.3	
151.70	Scot Natl Tst	95	- ½	10.1	
53.10	Scot Value	105½	+ ...		
239.40	Second Alnce	1554	+ 5		
264.20	Sec Tst of Scot	82½	+ ...		
45.40	Selective Asset	157	+ ...		
16.90	SHIRESCOT	139	- 1		
43.10	Sphere Inv	39½	- ½		
104.90	St Andrew Inv	305	...		
136.00	Temple Bar	342	- 6		
100.20	Throg Acres E	109	- 2		
17.50	Throg Dual Cp	500	- 3		
224.80	Throgmorton	74	- ½	3.5	
485.50	Tmplton Emg Mkt▼	121	- 11½	0.7	
296.20	TR City Of Lon†	145	+ 1	4.5	
75.20	TR Far East	160	...	4.3	
158.10	TR Pacific	118	+ 1	3.2	
160.00	TR Property	34	+ 1	3.3	
320.80	TR Smlr Cos	180	- 4	2.6	
39.60	TR Tech Inv	105	...	2.3	
19.20	Turkey Trust	194	...	1.3	
88.60	USDC Invest	242	+ 1	2.1	
43.60	Value Inc Tst	115	+ 3	4.7	
13.40	Wigmore	66	+ 1		
861.30	Witan	235½	- 1½	3.2	
26.10	Yeoman Inc	106	...	15.8	

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4.08	Abrdn Sth H	34	...	...	...
479.80	Airtours	422	+ 3	2.7	14.5
12.60	Akd Lec	18	...	...	...
223.20	Alpha Airport	148	- 4	3.4	...
27.90	Arcadian	40	...	...	...
21.50	Bateman	113	...	3.9	19.4
28.60	Barr & W 'A'	287	- 12	4.4	11.3
103.20	Bluebird Toys†	235	+ 8	3.2	7.0
66.80	Boosey Hawkes	341	- 1	1.3	20.2
10.50	Brent Walker	3	- ½	...	...
11.10	Bristol Scotts	182	...	2.0	...
2.11	Buckingham Intl	1½	- ½	...	...
63.10	Chrysalis	335	...	1.7	...
143.20	City Centre Rest	74½	- 1½	3.6	15.1
749.40	Compass Gp	315	- 4	2.7	18.5
68.40	Eurocamp	260	- 5	4.8	10.7
603.30	Euro Disney	105	+ 25	...	...
17.90	Euro Leisure	2½	- ½	...	...
15.20	Fairlie Boats	435	...	3.4	30.3
406.90	First Leisure	249	- 10	3.3	16.5
2,019.80	Forte†	233½	+ 7½	4.0	27.6
35.40	Friendly Hotels†	178	- 1	4.0	29.8
7.24	GR Hldgs	55	...	4.1	...
3,009.60	Granada	518	- 8	2.2	20.4
19.90	Hi-Tec Sports†	41	...	8.5	6.0
14.90	Hornby	180	...	6.2	15.7
53.60	Jurys Hotel	157½	...	4.4	14.1
34.30	Kunick	14½	+ ½	...	...
177.00	London Clubs	250	+ 5	6.0	12.7
1,708.10	Ladbroke†	147	- 5	3.0	25.9
3.96	Magnolia	69	...	8.2	...
78.10	Man Utd†	640	- 5	4.1	...
540.60	Mandarin Orntl	79½	+ 1	3.9	21.3
32.70	My Kinda Town	13½	- ...	...	...
19.80	Northern†	61	+ 2	6.1	10.1
184.10	First Choice	118	+ 3	3.7	...
65.00	The Pelican Gp	92	- 1	1.5	...
63.50	PizzaExpress†	119	+ 7	2.1	18.3
10.20	Pricre Leisure	121	- 4	4.3	8.5
9.54	Quadrant Gp	26	- 3	...	...
22.80	Ramsdens (H)	259	- 1	2.2	39.0
3,770.40	Rank Org	394½	- 4½	4.0	25.3
17.30	Ryan Hotels IE†	26½	- 1	4.9	15.1
268.30	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938	...	0.5	...
372.50	Stakis	78	- ½	1.9	28.1
176.10	Stanley Leisure	328	+ 5	2.0	12.5
1,050.40	Tanjong	280	...	0.7	15.7
4,180.30	Thorn EMI	979	+ 1	4.3	20.0
20.70	Tottenham Hot†	129	+ 11	1.0	34.6
59.50	VCI	153	+ 2	1.7	13.7
90.90	Vardon†	123	- 1	1.2	21.8
15.40	Wembley	6	- 1	...	...
8.98	Zetters Gp	135	- 2	7.9	...

MEDIA

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
118.40	Abbott Mead	346	...	2.1	31.3
45.70	Adscene	285	- 3	2.9	20.4
207.70	Aegis Gp	25½	...	...	...
7.91	Allied Radio	5½	...	...	...
1.24	BBB Design	15	...	...	7.7
30.90	Barbour Index	183	...	5.8	15.8
6.79	Bristala	1½	+ ½	...	...
5.20	Black (A&C)†	335	...	5.0	12.1
239.10	Blenheim Gp	245	- 8	5.4	9.0
18.80	Border TV	184	...	2.7	15.4
61.30	Broad	376	...	4.1	26.0
55.60	CIA Gp	135	- 1	1.6	22.0
243.70	Capital Radio	242	...	2.3	30.2
2,214.50	Carlton Comm	876	- 2	2.8	19.3
6.55	Cen 'A' Lon	82	...	6.6	12.7
52.30	Daily Mail	1359½	- 18½	1.4	31.8
377.10	Daily Mail 'A'	975	- 37½	1.9	22.9
15.60	Dorling Kindl	290	+ 2½	1.4	...
72.40	EMAP	370	+ 13	2.9	23.0
4,545.20	Elsevier	675½	+ 14½	2.1	23.0
350.00	Euromoney Pb	1660	- 88	3.3	...
4.48	Fitch	12	...	...	...
45.20	Flextech	483	- 22	...	...
61.60	GWR Gp	886	- 7	1.5	32.1
44.93	Gold Greenlees	170	- 5	3.9	20.5
5.70	Goodman	24	- 1	0.3	...
47.40	Grampian	336	...	2.8	18.0
127.60	HTV Group	146	- 1	1.5	32.6
4.53	Hemingway k	43	...	2.9	...
61.70	Haynes Pub	395	...	2.8	23.5
114.50	Hodder H'line	329	- 6	2.0	33.4
17.50	Home Counties	175	...	3.6	42.9
38.00	Independent	288	...	2.6	9.8
25.70	Ind Bus Comm†	226	+ 8	1.9	11.0
5.59	Interscript	128	+ 2	7.6	...
204.70	Johnston Press▼	153	- 2	1.5	21.5
11.10	Lopex	21	...	1.5	23.7
41.50	MAI	51	- 1	...	77.4
47.50	Metal Bulletin	480	+ 4	2.9	24.9
17.90	Michael Ind	129	- 1	2.7	17.7
490.60	Mirror Grp	142	...	0.8	7.5
123.50	More O'Ferrall	250	- 1	4.7	20.2
477.10	News Corp	257	+ 7	0.5	16.7
112.10	News Int	248	+ 1	0.7	13.2
8.17	Ocean Comm	31	...	0.4	...
1,444.50	Pearson†	624	- 1	2.7	21.5
73.50	Photobits	224	- 6	...	...
72.50	Portavla Sound	606	...	3.2	15.0
47.50	Quarto	250	...	3.8	13.8
4,243.10	Reed Int	755	+ 5	3.2	22.8
2,118.30	Reuters	487	+ 10	1.8	24.4
34.50	Saatchi	153	+ 1	...	30.8
62.90	Scot Radio	578	- 5	2.3	22.6
210.80	Scot TV	437	- 2	3.6	29.3
51.10	SelecTV	21½	- ½	...	...
60.90	Shandwick	45	- 2	1.2	6.8
13.20	Southnews	348	+ 22	1.5	32.6
62.60	Sterling Publ	157	- 1	3.3	11.2
7.31	Sweet & Maxl	129	+ 1½	3.9	...
21.10	Taylor Nelson	37	...	2.1	22.2
461.70	Tolegraph	341	...	4.8	12.0
4,135.70	Thomson Corp	715	- 10	5.3	35.7
259.30	Trinity Intl	378	- 10	3.3	17.4
14.30	Ulster TV	708	...	2.9	21.8
1,247.20	Utd Newspaper	511	- 1	5.6	12.3
13.40	VTR	128	...	3.9	20.3
14.90	WWSD	22½	- ½	2.8	11.0
732.50	WPP†	110	- 1	1.2	15.8
139.80	Yorkshire TV	234	...	...	...

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6.54	Afex Corp	100	...	3.4	6.8
796.70	Anc Am Coal	3162½	- 306½	3.0	16.9
8,563.20	Ang Am	3084½	+ 50	1.9	35.0
1,702.50	Ang Am Gold	7040½	- 259½	3.8	16.7
13.30	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...	...
1,160.90	Ashanti	1384½	+ 75	...	...
33.30	Ashton	136	...	3.8	...
42.60	Bary Jax	284	- 5	...	...
414.60	Beltrn	441	+ 13½	4.0	25.1
3.82	Bosch	35	+ 1	2.4	30.2
23.50	Bessoel	148	- 7½	...	...
17.50	Bougainville	43	- 1	...	...
3.70	Biocen	19½	- ½	4.6	...
76.90	Bufels	699½	- 62½	7.7	...
6.47	Buce	2½	...	...	...
5,059.60	CRA	850	- 10	2.5	27.1
	Central Pacific	55	- 3	...	...
21.60	Cbsl Res	43½	- 1½	...	...
62.10	Coal Inv	106	- 1	...	...
11.35	Cons Murchison	245	+ 4	2.5	...
5,774.40	De Beers	1518½	+ 6½	3.4	16.1
117.60	Deelkraal	119½	- ½	3.0	10.4
30.30	Doornfontein	75½	- 12½	...	...
2,021.70	Driefontein	991	- 29½	4.3	14.6
21.90	Durban	940½	+ 16½	...	...
85.10	E Rand Gold	181	+ 6	11.2	5.9
110.90	E Rand Prop	83½	- 5	...	...
56.10	Eastern Trans	65	- 10	3.9	13.9
453.50	Elandsrand	464½	- 47½	3.4	10.8
1,092.30	Eng China Clt	358	+ 4	5.7	17.2
1,202.30	FS Cons	1010½	- 56	5.7	12.6
15.60	FS Dev	70	- 12	1.8	...
1,816.30	GFSA	1881½	- 12½	2.0	28.2
294.30	GM Kalgoorli	55	- 1	2.5	30.7
3,123.30	Gencor	227	+ 1	1.2	28.5
12.10	Gold Fields Prop▼	118	...	7.8	...
72.50	Gopeng	101	- 14	0.3	...
17.20	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	...	...	...
18.90	Grootvlei	165½	- 12	5.7	8.8
91.20	Gwalia Cons	88½	- 3	1.1	10.9
164.30	Harmony	611½	- 25	...	...
309.60	Hartes	330½	- 1½	8.6	9.7
960.90	Impala Plat	1518½	+ 34½	1.6	47.2
200.00	Kinross	160	- 7	7.5	14.4
204.30	Kinross	1134½	- 16½	4.2	15.8
1,475.90	Kloof	1064½	- 1½	3.0	11.2
18.90	Leslie	118½	- 3½	9.0	7.8
47.80	Loraine	292½	- 9½	...	...
18.10	Meekatharra	21	+ 1	...	...
0.60	Minorco	3	...	...	...
1,847.50	MIM	132	+ 1	1.8	...
3,703.60	Minorco†	1643½	+ 6½	2.2	...
88.60	Monarch	164	...	...	...
59.40	MSA	89	...	...	11.4
1,108.80	Nth Bdm Hill	166	- 4	3.1	24.9
	Oryx Gold	94	...	...	...
184.30	Pancontinental	83	...	...	...
56.50	Peculing Tin	280	- 20	0.5	...
1,116.90	Placer Pac	179	- 6	...	...
12.00	Premier Land	5½	...	...	...
157.40	RJB	#346	...	4.4	16.8
9,648.20	RTZ†	848	- 9	3.1	24.2
5.46	Rackwood	34	- 5	...	...
357.80	Rand Mines	600	+ 137½	1.9	...
405.30	Randfontein	664½	+ 2½	7.4	8.4
451.40	Renison	227	- 8	...	...
2,123.50	Rustnbrg	1693½	- 75	1.7	...
	St Barbara	72	- 1	...	...
55.80	St Helena	684	- 12½	6.4	...
178.80	Sons Gwalia	595	- 10	4.6	16.7
58.40	Sthern Pacific	21	- 2	...	...
487.00	Southvaal	1071½	- 59½	4.6	21.8
5.04	Signum	1½	+ ½	...	...
13.40	Stilfontein	102½	- 18½	20.7	3.5
60.90	Unisel	217½	+ 4	2.7	16.8
7,480.80	Vaal Reefs	6281½	- 203½	4.0	10.4
15.70	Wankie Col Z	15½	...	8.0	3.7
111.30	Watts Blakef	535	...	2.9	20.1
466.80	Western Areas	1158½	- 20	6.1	10.9
876.70	Western Deep	3162½	- 271½	3.2	11.9
4,230.90	Western Mng	383	+ 2	1.0	60.5
116.40	Winkels	956½	- 43½	4.9	13.5
58.80	Zambia Copper	48	+ 1	...	...
79.40	Zandpan	61	...	8.1	12.3

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
102.00	Aran Energy	39	...	...	23.6
23.60	Arcon Intl	41	- 2	...	...
	Ass Oil & Gas	82	+ ½	...	...
18.90	Avesa Pet	60	...	...	...
65.80	Br Borneo	273	+ 1	4.2	10.0
12,642.40	British Gas†	291½	- 1½	6.2	...
23,469.80	Br Petroleum†	427½	- 1	2.8	33.3
20.60	Bula Resources	2½	- ½	...	...
1,740.00	Burmah Castrl†	870	+ 26	4.0	17.3
52.50	Cairn Energy	81	...	...	44.6
502.10	Calor Gp	298	+ 14	5.4	14.1
183.30	Clyde Pet	40	+ 1	1.1	...
21.00	Copley Res	12½	- 1½	...	...
25.90	Dragon Oil▲	1½	...	...	...
7.65	Edin Oil & Gs	22	...	...	23.7
1,894.20	Enterprise	385	- 3	5.2	...
54.70	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	5.4	9.2
70.29	Flogas	285	- 15	3.0	11.8
60.80	Forame	5½	...	...	...
68.50	Goal Pet	66	...	2.7	21.9
49.80	Gt Western Res	44	+ ½	...	...
175.20	Hardy O & G	155	+ 6	0.8	19.8
76.90	Kelt Energy	50½	+ ½	3.3	...
1,404.70	Lasmo	145½	- 3½	0.9	...
3.69	Lasmo Unit	52	...	18.8	...
459.10	Monument	69	...	...	73.7
4.91	New London	4	...	...	...
5,533.40	Norsk Hydro	2415½	- 71½	1.4	...
5.55	Oceonics	4	...	...	...
128.50	Oil Search	42	- 1	...	...
	Petrel	39	- ½	...	...
76.50	Pict Pet	148	...	...	...
150.40	Premier	27½	+ ½	...	14.9
28.80	Presidio	113	...	5.9	...
51.80	Ptlencnell Rc	90	- 1	...	...
41.00	Ramco Egy	215	- 9	0.3	...
387.00	Ranger	393	+ 3	5.1	...
37,505.70	Royal Dtch Ff	6996½	- 115½	4.5	18.4
8,702.70	Schlumberger	3575	- 12½	2.1	...
6.45	Scot Pickton	55	- 2	2.0	...
33.90	Seafield	4	...	...	...
23,884.60	Shell	720½	- 10½	4.3	21.8
3.75	Sumrea Eng Sv	128	...	...	...
12.90	Viles Gp ©	11	...	...	...
1,466.70	Woodside	229	- 5	1.7	...
147.30	XCL	78	+ 3	...	...

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
18.00	BWD	94	- 1	5.6	7.7
33.90	Baltic Plc	124	- 1	2.0	7.8
5.40	Berry Bch Hlt	83	- 5	7.7	10.9
27.00	Brewin Dolphin	131	- 5	5.5	9.7
563.90	Caledonia	675	- 5	3.0	16.7
59.40	Camellia	2375	...	1.7	6.4
19.10	Carlisle	23	- 1	1.4	...
160.90	Cater Allen	512	+ 43	6.9	10.6
181.80	Cattles▼	134	+ 9	4.9	15.0
22.40	Chiltern Capital	24½	- 2	...	...
9.36	Clrwdle	45	...	...	...
12.40	Claybrook	75	...	4.4	...
21.50	EFT Group	56	- ½	3.9	11.8
137.50	EFMt	726	+ 16	5.1	21.8
215.50	Exco	175	- 5	6.0	9.5
350.70	Gartmore	174	- 2	2.9	20.1
234.70	Gerrard Ntl	483	- 28	6.3	13.7
254.30	Govett	362	- 1	5.0	6.1
255.30	Henderson Ad	955	+ 21	5.8	15.2
431.60	Invesco	164	+ 2	2.9	25.9
69.50	Ivory Sime	238	...	3.9	18.5
2,253.30	Jardine Strat	238½	+ ½	3.3	10.2
33.70	Johnson Fry	159	- 7	1.2	...
19.50	King Stenson	112	- 2	10.0	11.1
156.20	Lon Forfaitng	156	...	7.5	9.7
68.50	Lon Scot Fir	113	- 2	3.9	17.2
721.30	M & G	953	+ 30	3.6	20.2
737.00	MAM	225	- 12	4.3	12.3
	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	90½	- 3	...	...
1,123.00	MAM	616	+ 4	4.6	14.4
16.80	Nat Home Loan	16½	- ½	...	0.3
309.90	Perpetual	1163	+ 6	2.5	16.8
716.40	Provident†	536	+ 3	4.1	17.0
50.70	Rathbone Bros	260	- 2	4.1	12.8
66.80	Rutland Tstt	27	...	4.2	13.7
37.60	S & U	319	- 7	4.3	10.4
32.90	Sherfole	195	- 11	5.8	7.3
344.90	SJP Capital	126	- 2	3.0	7.8
208.30	Smith New Crt	334	...	3.7	2.8
4,494.70	Swire Pacfc 'A'	403	+ 6½	2.0	...
20.40	Treas Lant	133	- 10	4.2	11.5
16.20	Tne Hldgs	29	- 1	6.5	13.2
26.30	Upon	99	...	5.7	9.1
3.76	Western Selectn	25	...	1.2	...

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
285.00	Brit Biotech	530	+ 10	...	...
38.70	Cantab Pharms	393	...	...	...
157.30	Celltech	222	+ 1	...	...
62.50	Chiroscience	92	+ 3	...	...
51.90	Cortecs	47	...	...	...
815.50	Fisons	118	+ 2	2.9	...
18,556.20	Glaxo†	608	+ 9	5.6	14.7
70.30	Grampian Hdgt	101	+ 5½	6.2	18.7
477.70	Medeva†	173	+ 6	2.1	13.9
4.34	Premier Health	1½	...	...	...
35.70	Quality Care	255	...	2.2	14.8
186.40	Scotia	355	+ 3	...	...
11.20	Shield Diag	60	...	...	...
5,673.30	SmithKline	412	+ 6	3.8	15.9
4,925.60	SmithKline Uts	376	+ 4½	4.1	14.5
5,596.40	Wellcome	644	+ 14½	2.4	14.6
8,192.40	Zeneca†	856	+ 17	4.0	17.4

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
24.10	AG Holdings	134	- 3	4.9	12.1
74.70	API	349	- 6	2.1	21.9
2,185.50	Arjo Wiggins†	267½	- 1½	3.0	40.2
23.00	Aspen Comm	165	...	1.8	18.8
115.80	Bemrose†	364	- 7	4.2	13.0
84.00	Bragden	116	...	1.6	54.3
2,230.00	Bowater†	446	...	3.7	16.7
580.40	Bowater Inc	1584½	- 15½	...	...
75.10	Boxmore Intl	273	- 5½	1.9	16.6
138.00	Br Polythene†	457	+ 8	2.4	16.0
6.59	Br Thornton	41	- 2	18.3	2.6
176.80	Brittan Grp▼	128	...	2.4	18.8
683.60	Bunzl	161	- 3	3.2	18.9
44.30	Capital Indst	160	- 5	3.5	12.5
1,793.80	Carnaud MB	2225	+ 53½	2.1	17.3
24.50	Cropper (James)	297	...	1.5	14.9
1,918.40	De La Rue	994	+ 19	2.5	21.2
7.04	Delyn Group	82	...	2.5	15.1
24.10	Dolphin Packt	103	...	5.5	13.2
26.80	Fairway Group	84	...	5.1	15.7
135.30	Ferguson Intl	334	- 5½	4.8	14.2
16.20	Forth Pack	121	- 2	6.9	...
1.74	Hunterprint	3	- ½	...	...
80.40	Inveresk	153	- 7	4.1	9.2
112.10	Jarvis Porter	283	- 1	2.4	20.2
407.90	Low & Bonar	415	- 1	3.1	16.6
51.10	MY Holdings	58	+ 1	3.5	...
216.00	Mackintosh	269	...	1.9	21.7
81.90	Phyx	172	...	5.1	24.6
456.20	Portals	703	- 4	3.0	18.9
323.10	St Ives Gpt	326	+ 6	2.5	17.7
1,622.30	Sappi	1080½	+ 47½	0.5	...
10.80	Serif	14½	...	...	...
140.60	Sidlaw▲	205	+ 8	6.7	10.2
791.50	Smith David	508	- 6	2.6	22.7
1,925.50	Smurfit (Jeff)▲	359	- 11	1.5	51.0
1.64	Somic	82	...	3.8	8.8
3.73	Unit Group	35	...	...	...
188.20	Waco	240	+ 12	2.1	15.3
231.00	Waddington (J)	223	...	4.8	10.9
259.60	Waterlowgh	385	...	2.2	24.4
28.90	Wyndeham	131	+ 2	2.1	19.0

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
66.80	Allied Lon†	86	+ 1½	5.1	12.3
143.80	Argent	282	...	...	...
92.10	Asdal	117	...	2.4	20.8
218.00	Bilton†	248	+ 4	4.9	18.0
118.30	Birkby	343	- 1	3.1	17.9
3.35	Bolton Gp	18	+ 1	...	...
44.50	Bourne End	80	...	1.2	...
262.30	Bradford	181	- 4	4.8	12.5
7.49	Brightstone	107	- 9	4.4	24.2
1,220.70	Br Land	398	+ 18	2.4	34.9
444.60	Brixton†	191	+ 9	5.3	17.0
272.00	Burford	91½	+ 1½	2.2	29.7
98.00	CLS Hldgs†	99	...	6.2	...
63.80	Cap & Regnl†	140	+ 1	1.4	31.7
753.50	Cap Shop Ctrs	207	+ 2	3.9	49.8
8.46	Cardiff Prop	218	- 5	1.4	48.8
81.40	Carlrey Intl	29	- 1	...	...
249.50	Chelsfield	159	- 1	1.9	54.0
98.30	Chesterfield	489	...	3.2	21.7
47.60	Clesterton Int	93	...	4.4	13.1
9.70	City Site Ests	63	...	...	...
11.40	Clarke Nickolls†	7	...	1.8	14.6
6.45	Compco†	77½	...	6.3	...
38.30	Conrad Ritbt GS	32	- 2	2.0	28.0
211.90	Dawan	1300	- 30	3.8	15.2
2.97	Dares Estates	8½	...	...	...
1.89	De Morgan	4	...	...	...
43.20	Debenham Tstn	103	...	4.2	16.7
30.50	Dencora	164	...	2.5	46.1
75.90	Derwent Hldgst	244	+ 2	2.4	21.6
62.40	Development Sect	21½	- ½	0.6	...
23.60	Dwyer	46	...	...	...
9.17	Elsco	31	...	...	...
19.50	Estates Agency†	325	...	4.0	39.3
5.13	Estates Gen	24	...	...	...
136.60	Evans Of Leeds	103	- 8	3.1	18.0
30.60	Ex-Lands†	27½	...	1.9	...
28.40	Fiscal Propt	65	...	1.2	...
23.40	Five Oaks	24	+ ½	1.0	...
3.91	Fletcher King	45	...	4.2	22.3
13.50	Folkes Group†	44	...	4.3	...
10.40	Folkes Group Nvt	41	...	4.6	23.3
218.80	Frogmore†	432	...	4.9	15.6
58.60	Grainger	244	- 9	3.1	...
605.10	Gt Portland	187	+ 6	5.3	35.6
150.60	Greycoat	119½	- 1½	...	...
148.20	Hambro Cntrw	45	...	0.7	45.7
956.40	Hammerson†	345	+ 8	3.6	34.6
52.30	Helical Bar†	315	- 26	2.4	11.3
48.90	Hemingway	30½	+ ½	1.6	92.4
4.16	Herring Baker	26	...	4.8	...
2.29	High-Point	46	...	1.4	...
4,245.20	HK Land	157½	+ 3½	3.9	...
14.70	Jermyn▲	147	...	...	73.6
3,162.00	Land Sec	620	+ 9	4.8	17.6
2.73	Lon & Metro	6	- 1	...	0.3
241.70	Lon Merch Sec	99	+ 2	5.3	14.6
2,733.80	MEPC	425	- 4	6.9	24.5
4.52	McInerney A	7½	- ½	...	...
43.30	McKay Secs	181	...	3.6	17.9
11.40	Merivale Mrst	67	- 1	3.7	10.3
22.90	Moorfield Est	34	...	3.7	...
53.20	Mountview	1159½	...	2.4	11.5
141.50	Mucklow (A&J)†	145	+ 1½	5.4	19.3
9.83	ORB	3½	- ½	...	...
16.20	Olives Prop	33	- 1	...	12.3
176.60	PSIT	145	...	4.0	20.5
189.10	Peel	237	- 5	2.4	...
167.50	Pillar Prop	148	...	3.1	...
3.49	Power Corp	3	...	...	...
8.15	RPS Group	68	...	4.8	12.3
56.20	Raglan	34	+ 1	...	12.5
30.40	Regalan	26	+ 2	...	9.8
20.60	Rowlinson Secs	165	- 5	1.4	10.5
19.30	Rugby Estt	107	...	2.6	...
60.40	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	2.9	12.8
66.70	Savile Gdn (J)	66	- 1	5.1	19.2
22.00	Savills	58	- 4	4.8	9.4
100.40	Scot Met	77	- 1	3.3	8.8
4.83	Secure Retire	48	- 2	...	...
45.70	Shaftesbury	94	- 5	...	...
906.50	Slough Estates	232	+ 9	4.4	49.6
63.50	Southend Prop	59	- 1	5.1	...
33.00	Speciity Shops	104	- 3	2.9	...
36.60	Stanhope Pps	16	+ ½	...	...
45.80	TBI	35½	+ ½	...	1.9
77.80	Taps Ests	168	...	1.6	40.0
126.70	Town Centre	123	+ 1	3.9	...
58.80	Trafford Park	88	+ 1	4.5	...
15.00	Trenchermond	18	...	...	...
1.95	UK Land	45	...	...	...
104.00	Warner	214	- 10	6.5	20.6
86.00	Warnford	224	- 1	4.4	18.3
2.01	Waterglade	#2	...	...	...
130.90	Wates	66	- 2	...	...
2.51	Whitney Mck	38	...	...	...
5.83	Wood John D	71	...	3.5	...
2.12	YRM	16	...	...	...

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,826.40	ASDA Group	63	+ 1½	3.5	14.5
2,986.60	Argyll	265	+ 4½	5.4	11.6
223.20	Bells Bros	431	+ 4	2.1	15.4
40.70	Budgen	25	...	5.0	15.9
3.70	Cullens	14	- 1	...	...
1,392.20	Dairy Farm Intl	81½	+ 2½	4.3	11.6
78.10	Farepak	345	...	2.4	19.6
103.50	Fitzwilton	41	...	11.3	...
258.00	Fyffes	105	...	1.7	18.0
137.90	Gateway	132	...	5.4	...
119.50	Greggs	1048	...	2.3	19.7
323.30	Greenmore	388	+ 7	3.2	11.6
451.00	Iceland Group†	164	+ 1	3.8	10.2
861.40	Kwik Save	550	- 5	4.5	9.4
194.70	Low (Wm)	364	...	2.9	12.1
8.07	Merchant Retail	9½	+ ½	2.6	...
957.50	Morrison (W)†	134	+ 1	1.0	15.6
212.60	Nurdin Peack	167	- 4	4.9	9.3
189.00	Park Foods	119	- 1	2.5	24.1
2.45	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...
7,438.10	Sainsbury J	413	+ 12	3.3	14.5
4,806.40	Tesco†	234	- 1	4.3	11.7
113.90	Thorntons†	177	+ 2	3.5	14.5
161.10	Watson& Philip	380	- 7	4.8	15.4

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
20.70	Alexon	36	...	...	...
223.70	Alldes	217	- 2	3.5	16.2
1,004.70	Argos Plc†	395	+ 9½	3.1	17.6
176.20	Ashley (Laura)	75	+ 3	0.2	...
125.80	Asprey	157	+ 1	4.8	7.8
73.90	Austin Reedt	229	- 3	2.9	12.0
62.60	Beattie (J) 'A'	134	- 2	5.8	17.5
32.00	Bentalls†	124	- 2	2.0	43.6
53.70	Betterware	52	- 1	6.8	5.5
10.38	Blacks Leis	32	+ 2	9.0	...
487.40	Body Shop†	215	- 6	1.2	18.9
5,350.50	Boots	513	- 16	3.8	16.2
18.80	Brown & Jackson	2½	...	...	...
332.90	Brown (N)†	228	+ 3½	3.3	20.3
921.00	Burton	65½	- ½	3.8	...
23.10	Cannon†	153	...	3.3	...
182.80	Carpetright	328	+ 8	3.7	19.9
255.30	Charles Intl	158	...	1.8	27.9
52.40	Church	485	- 13	3.4	24.7
17.29	Clinton Cards†	101	...	5.8	14.7
17.90	C'fty Casuals	93	+ 9	5.9	35.3
172.70	Courts Fumsh	735	...	1.0	37.4
2.64	Crown Eye	165	...	7.2	7.2
268.00	DFS Furniture	258	...	3.6	...
759.20	Dixons Gp	191	- 6	4.3	20.3
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	3.8	27.2
10.10	ERA Gp	8	...	...	...
21.20	Essex Furn	185	- 10	2.9	...
183.70	Etam	208	- 8	3.5	15.4
301.20	Fine Art Dev	454	- 8	3.9	14.1
2.82	Fired Earth	67	...	...	...
15.40	Flying Flowers	74	- 2	1.8	14.3
39.00	French Conn	244	+ 1	...	10.3
112.00	First Group†	531	+ 1	2.9	23.3
13.70	Gems	60	...	3.2	32.2
28.20	Goldsmiths Grp	129	+ 5½	1.8	22.1
5,563.80	GUS†	562	+ 6	2.9	16.6
37.70	Hamleys†	185	+ 2	3.6	15.9
3.50	Hampden Grpt	24	...	5.2	69.1
463.80	Hse of Fraser†	282	+ 3½	3.1	16.2
17.10	Hughes (TJ)	83	- 3	3.8	13.6
2,054.90	Kingfisher†	458	- 15	4.1	12.0
21.70	Keener	158	- 6	0.8	34.6
73.90	Liberty†	333	...	1.8	...
364.70	Lloyds Chem†	308	+ 3	3.9	9.9
771.30	MFI	132½	- 2½	3.8	16.6
11,542.30	Marks Spencer	414	- 2	2.8	19.2
275.80	Menzies (John)	496	...	3.8	12.2
59.80	Moss Bros†	352	- 9	3.0	13.9
902.20	Next	243	...	3.5	14.7
1.71	OEM	28	+ 7	...	...
22.60	Owen (G)	89½	...	...	27.7
18.40	Partridge Fine	83	...	4.4	11.2
55.40	Pentos	16½	...	...	...
66.40	QS Hldgst	168	...	3.9	18.4
16.50	Rhino Grp	22	- 1	2.8	20.9
27.70	Ropelyn	140	...	4.2	16.4
1,636.20	Sears†	108	- ½	4.3	18.3
61.60	Signet Group	21	...	...	7.2
1,278.80	Smith WH	459	- 4	4.2	23.7
257.80	Sotheby's	768	- 13	3.7	32.8
898.10	Storehouse	216	- 4	3.2	19.2
48.20	Stylo	166	+ 1	2.0	11.2
106.10	T & S Stores†	166	...	4.7	11.8
63.00	Tie Rack	122	...	1.8	14.5
3,560.90	Vendome	508	- 10	1.4	33.1
48.00	WEW Group	33	- 2	2.3	24.3
9.63	Wid of Leather▼	80	...	1.1	...
57.10	Wyevale†	149	+ 4	3.8	15.8

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
6,154.50	Allied Domecq	568	+ 4	4.6	14.6
22.70	Bulmer (HP)	386	- 7	3.5	22.2
70.60	Burn Stewart	119	+ 1	5.3	25.2
8,563.40	Grand Met	411	- 1	4.0	17.9
9,419.40	Guinness†	467	+ 3	3.5	15.4
531.70	Highland Dist	418	+ 8	2.2	18.8
25.50	Macallan-Glenl	215	...	0.7	56.3
78.30	Macon Mno 'A'	675	...	1.8	27.7
225.20	Matthew Clark▲	520	- 27½	4.3	12.2
13.70	Morydon W	113	- 1	2.8	...
166.30	Taunton Cider	152	- 1	5.4	11.6

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
183.60	ACT Group	99	+ 2	6.6	9.3
985.90	ADT	730	+ 5	...	...
11.30	Alphameric	42	...	...	32.0
88.50	Auto Sec	74	- 3	...	9.6
1,051.80	BET Ord	112½	+ 7	3.9	18.5
39.40	BNB Rest	184	...	3.4	21.5
56.60	BPP	212	...	5.2	15.2
33.50	BSM	138	+ 4	5.8	11.7
2.88	Black & Edg	4½	...	...	...
184.60	Barlend	650	...	...	...
43.90	Brit Data Mgt	180	...	3.8	...
7.71	Brooks Service†	64	+ ½	3.4	...
59.10	CPT Gp▼	88	- 1	4.6	21.6
86.70	Capita Group	159	- 3	2.2	20.3
920.20	Chubb Sec	329	+ 9	2.4	20.2
32.50	Compt People▼	225	+ 27	1.4	51.2
32.90	Corp Services	59	...	0.5	22.2
17.40	Costic Cnstg	52	- 2	1.0	...
230.20	Davis Service	225	...	4.5	15.1
8.02	Dudley Jenkns	67	+ 1	6.1	14.8
17.50	EW Fact	96	...	6.4	7.2
36.20	El Data Ptc	138	...	1.7	12.8
1,194.80	Hays†	295	+ 9	2.6	20.1
145.60	Hogg Robnsn	211	- 9	4.2	14.8
11.03	Holmes Protectn	25	+ 2	...	1.5
7.10	Int Cro & Data	11	+ ½	...	...
438.00	ISS B Div	1687½	...	6.2	1.8
44.90	JBA Hldgst	136	- 1	2.2	13.8
124.50	Johnson Clean	252	- 2	5.4	10.2
45.70	Kalamazoo	120	...	3.4	13.6
30.70	Kewill Sys	253	...	2.5	11.0
3.32	Laser-Scan	20	...	...	...
21.60	LBMS	99	- 1	...	...
39.20	Lep	4½	...	...	...
182.30	Logica†	295	+ 1	2.1	...
115.09	MDIS	115	+ 16	6.8	8.0
20.80	MAT Group	185	+ 12	3.6	...
68.30	MR Data Mngt	123	+ 9	5.6	...
99.90	Macro 4†	438	+ 15	5.7	12.3
1,330.20	Manpower	1787½	+ 46½	0.7	...
124.30	Micro Focus	863	- 32	...	10.4
44.90	Microgen	114	- 3	7.9	11.4
200.60	Misys	424	...	2.4	...
45.90	Mitie Gp	189	- 1	1.5	22.1
17.70	Novo Group▼	24	- 1	1.0	...
7.20	OIS Intl	34	...	9.9	4.5
54.00	P & P	69	...	3.9	17.1
62.80	Michael Page	105	- 5	2.7	25.8
49.50	Parity▼	135	- 1	2.1	35.3
10.00	Pegasus	160	...	3.9	16.1
4.05	Pearna	84	...	6.0	...
49.80	Proudfoot	53	...	6.9	10.8
33.10	RDO	310	...	6.1	18.7
10.60	Radius	39	...	1.2	...
11.00	Real Time	157	+ 1	3.2	11.9
81.40	Reed Executive	159	...	0.8	...
34.90	Reliance Sec	155	- 4	3.8	...
2,247.10	Rentokil†	230	+ 3	1.6	23.7
64.30	Ricardo Groupt	145	...	5.2	17.6
22.70	Rolfe & Nolan	187	...	2.7	23.1
141.70	Sage Gp	678	+ 73	2.0	...
805.40	Salvesen (C)	278	+ 11	3.8	14.5
30.90	Sanderson Elec	80	...	4.5	...
79.40	Select App	14	...	...	...
401.80	Serco Gp	433	- 2	1.0	28.1
172.90	Serco Gp	291	+ 2	1.5	26.5
5.67	Shered Dmp	93	- 7	...	...
62.80	Stenbley	98	- 1	4.1	15.3
39.60	Sta-Plust	184	+ 1	6.2	17.5
21.50	Unipalm	105	- 2	...	...
25.90	Vistec	21	+ ½	2.4	11.4
11.90	WSP Hldgs	51	- 4	4.7	29.9
77.30	Wames Howrd	325	- 2	2.8	15.4

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
24,604.50	BT	395	+ 5½	5.3	13.8
8,921.40	Cable Wireless	407	- 6	2.6	17.3
59.60	Securicor	1435	- 10	0.3	35.5
718.80	Securicor 'A'	936	- 3	0.4	23.2
828.70	Security Serv	758	+ 1	1.0	23.9
6,377.20	Vodafone	209½	- 2	1.7	27.4

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.23	Albion	86	...	5.8	4.2
49.80	Alexdra Wt	148	...	4.9	15.8
173.80	Allied Text	498	- 6	3.3	15.3
3.20	Atkins	96	...	10.5	30.5
2.11	Automagic	37	...	...	...
247.40	Baird (Wm)	217	- 1	5.2	18.2
4.77	Beckman (A)†	39	- 1	11.5	...
143.00	Black (Peter)	259	- 3½	2.2	18.6
10.70	Bodpert-Gody	107	+ 6	3.6	...
26.20	Br Mohair	197	- 2	5.4	20.2
2.08	Carpool	28	- 4	...	...
4.64	Cassidy Bros	85	...	4.0	18.9
79.40	Claude Phipps	178	...	5.1	23.4
170.60	Claremont Grt	316	...	3.0	17.6
1,358.60	Coats Viyella	195	+ 1	5.4	16.6
484.10	Courtauld Text†	476	+ 2	3.8	21.4
257.90	Dawson	132	- 3	2.8	...
158.40	Dewhirst (IJ)†	125	- 1	1.7	17.6
4.16	Dakle Hent†	34	+ ½	5.1	10.0
4.95	Drummond	28	- 1	...	12.5
2.15	Ebiel	17	...	...	...
8.64	Fapel	74	...	8.3	12.5
16.90	Fairbriar	148	...	2.7	...
2.14	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...
11.20	French (Thmas)	95	...	4.8	18.8
25.30	Gent SRt	70	+ 3	4.0	...
18.70	Haggast	86	+ 1	4.4	...
40.40	Hardstone	12½	- 1	3.2	...
54.30	Helene Plct	27½	...	8.1	11.3
53.80	Hicking Pntcst	231	...	2.5	16.4
5.75	Honeysuckle	69	...	4.5	10.1
27.70	Horace Small	89	+ 1	...	...
17.90	Jacques Vert	188	...	3.0	16.6
4.53	Jerome (S)†	60	...	1.7	7.6
59.70	Jones Stroud	345	...	3.3	18.5
16.50	Lambert	134	...	6.4	12.7
107.80	Lamont†	358	+ 4	4.4	11.9
80.40	Leeds	280	+ 1	2.7	14.3
22.90	Leslie Wise Gp	66	- 1	7.6	13.9
5.84	Lyles (S)	81	+ 1	5.6	8.2
44.30	Marling	25	...	3.3	44.8
2.30	PEX	12	- ½	...	...
15.20	Parkland	172	...	3.6	10.2
357.60	Pentland	98	+ 3	3.6	19.6
14.50	Pitards	67	- 1	3.3	...
149.90	Readicut	77	- 3	5.6	13.2
11.80	Remore	76	- 2	4.7	7.6
10.30	Richards	44	...	8.5	...
2.05	SEET	51	+ 1	...	...
99.70	Sherwood Grp	89	- 1	4.3	8.8
8.88	Shiloh	152	...	2.9	10.0
52.80	Smart	98	...	6.9	14.2
50.60	Stirling Gp	58	- 2	4.1	16.0
34.10	Strong & Fisher	20	...	6.2	13.7
18.10	UK Saleyt	47	- 1	6.9	11.5
8.31	Usher (Frank)†	120	- 2	7.3	9.1
22.10	Vivil	40	...	3.8	10.4
7.86	Wescomt	105	...	3.4	15.3
25.90	Yorklyde†	259	- 8½	3.0	12.5

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.67	Air London	64	+ 1	6.8	-
10,319.70	All Nippon Air	715½	- 6	0.3	-
1,038.10	Assoc Br Ports	275	+ 1	2.2	21.9
5,288.90	BAA	517	+ 3	2.2	22.0
150.30	Badgerline†	119	...	4.3	...
3,457.10	Br Airways	362	+ 6	3.8	11.4
21.00	Clarkson (H)†	94	+ 1	2.3	23.6
25.50	Dart	167	+ 5	2.8	17.8
1,026.60	Eurotunnel Uts	231	...	...	...
12.00	Fisher (James)	52	...	...	...
129.90	Forth Portst	493	- 15	2.2	20.2
101.70	Geode Donard	189	...	4.0	14.8
41.70	IoM Steam	139	+ 2	4.0	10.6
19.10	Jacobs (JI)	64	+ 5	3.2	...
63.80	Lon O'Seas Frts	87	...	5.4	2.1
340.60	Mersey Docks†	381	- 8	3.1	18.5
1,247.20	NFC†	180	- 1½	4.9	27.7
123.20	Natl Express	308	+ 6	3.1	17.8
379.90	Ocean Group	246	- 11	7.9	12.4
23.86	Ocean Wilson†	60	- 6½	6.7	7.7
3,846.80	P & O Dfd†	638	+ 13	6.0	19.8
136.60	P & O 5.5%	205	+ 4	3.4	...
23.50	Seacon	95	- 1	3.1	21.6
306.90	Stagecoach	216	...	2.4	21.5
624.90	TNT	118	+ 3	...	...
327.10	Tbird & Britt	740	+ 24	2.5	19.0
39.90	Tiphook	36	...	...	...
317.60	TDG†	215	- 2	5.5	14.4
28.30	Ugland	121	- 13	0.8	-
34.80	Utd Carriers	102	- 1	2.0	...

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,626.70	Anglian	549	+ 8	5.2	14.3
56.60	Mid Kent Hdgs	325	+ 2	4.4	11.0
2,111.30	North West	563	+ 4	5.1	8.4
491.10	Northumbrian	718	+ 23	4.2	7.7
2,090.20	Severn Trent	579	+ 20	4.5	8.1
101.20	South Staffs	1740	+ 12	3.7	11.5
845.10	South West	512	- 12	6.2	7.5
1,033.80	Southern	611	+ 15	4.7	8.8
2,088.20	Thames	526	+ 4½	5.6	7.8
965.50	Welsh	664	+ 31	4.8	7.3
804.20	Wessex	319	+ 13½	9.2	4.2
1,110.40	Yorkshire	553	+ 19	5.2	8.1

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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	100⅞ †		8.99	
2,850	Treas 12% 1995	101⅜	- ⅛	11.84	5.59
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	98⅝	+ ⅛	3.04	5.70
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	102⅞	+ ⅛	9.98	6.38
848	Treas 12¾% 1995	106 †	+ ⅛	12.03	6.65
770	Treas 14% 1996	108⅞	+ ⅛	12.95	6.86
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	111⅛	+ ⅛	13.71	7.20
288	Exch 13¼% 1996	108⅝ †	+ ⅛	12.21	7.30
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	104⅝ †	+ ⅛	9.59	7.72
1,250	Treas 13¼% 1997	110⅝	+ ⅛	11.97	7.89
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	105⅝	+ ⅛	9.97	7.91
6,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅝	+ ⅛	8.62	8.14
830	Exch 15% 1997	117⅝	+ ⅛	12.76	8.25
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⅝	+ ⅛	9.39	8.37
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	96⅝	+ ⅛	7.48	8.36
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95⅝	+ ⅛	7.08	8.36
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	116⅝ †	+ ⅛	12.01	8.53
935	Treas 15½% 1998	122⅝	+ ⅛	12.59	8.44
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	111⅝ †	+ ⅛	10.76	8.57
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	103⅝	+ ⅛	9.19	8.54
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113⅝	+ ⅛	10.83	8.63
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅜ †	+ ⅛	9.79	8.59
5,900	Treas 6% 1999	90⅝	+ ⅛	6.63	8.52
1,750	Conv 10¼% 1999	106⅝ †	+ ⅛	9.62	8.64
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	101⅝	- ⅛	8.84	8.61
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	118⅝	+ ⅛	10.94	8.76
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	105⅝	+ ⅛	9.45	8.76
4,350	Treas 7% 2001	91⅝	+ ⅛	7.66	8.68
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	105⅛	+ ⅛	9.26	8.82
7,950	Treas 8% 2003	95⅝ †	+ ⅛	8.35	8.74
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	107⅝	+ ⅛	9.31	8.80
1,820	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	112⅝	+ ⅛	10.25	9.04
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73⅝	+ ⅛	4.75	7.45
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	105	+ ⅛	9.05	8.76
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	87⅝ †	+ ⅛	7.71	8.66
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	105⅝	+ ⅛	9.01	8.73
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121⅝ †	+ ⅛	10.31	9.03
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	93⅝	+ ⅛	8.28	8.83
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	94⅝	- ⅛	8.49	8.70
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115⅝	+ ⅛	10.17	9.04
7,197	Treas 8½% 2007	99⅝	+ ⅛	8.57	8.62
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127⅝	+ ⅛	10.55	9.06
5,521	Treas 9% 2008	103⅝	+ ⅛	8.71	8.61
LONGS (over 15 years)					
3,100	Treas 8% 2009	95⅝	+ ⅛	8.41	8.80
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	103⅝	+ ⅛	8.66	8.57
5,151	Treas 9% 2012	104⅝	+ ⅛	8.64	8.55
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅝	+ ⅛	7.41	8.32
5,250	Treas 8% 2013	95⅝	+ ⅛	8.37	8.50
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92⅝	- ⅛	8.38	8.50
7,150	Treas 8¾% 2017	102⅝	- ⅛	8.51	8.49
1,900	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅝	+ ⅛	9.20	8.72
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	41⅝ †	+ ⅛	8.46	
475	Treas 2½%	28⅝	- ⅛	8.76	
INDEX-LINKED					
1,300	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	+ ⅛	2.83	4.19
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅛	- ⅛	2.91	3.72
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅝	+ ⅛	3.44	3.85
1,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161⅝ †	+ ⅛	3.54	3.87
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108⅝	+ ⅛	3.56	3.87
1,650	Treas IL 2% 2006	169⅝	+ ⅛	3.60	3.84
1,450	Treas IL 2½% 2009	132⅝ †	+ ⅛	3.64	3.86
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157⅛	+ ⅛	3.67	3.86
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129⅝	+ ⅛	3.69	3.87
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138⅛	+ ⅛	3.71	3.87
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132⅛	+ ⅛	3.74	3.88
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅛	+ ⅛	3.72	3.85
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109⅛	+ ⅛	3.76	3.89

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: BAA (Q2), B Elliott, Henderson Administration, Investment Co, Merchant Retail Group. **Finals:** Associated British Foods, Automagic Holdings, Five Oaks Investments, Stratagem. **Economic statistics:** Credit business (Sep), Index of production (Sep).

TOMORROW

Interims: Anglian Water, British Airways, Greenway Holdings, Hartlepools Water Company, Ingham, Marks and Spencer, Mercury Asset Management Group, Ugland International, S G Warburg, Wyndeham Press Group. **Finals:** AG Holdings, Gartmore Shared Equity, UPF Group, Westpac Banking Corp, WEW Group. **Economic statistics:** Cyclical indicators for UK economy (Oct — first estimate).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Amersham Intl, Cable & Wireless, Chamberlin & Hill, Commercial Union (Q3), Electrocomponents, Hambro Insurance Services, Yates Brothers Wine. **Finals:** J Bibby & Sons, Fenner, Villiers Group. **Economic statistics:** Balance of visible trade (Aug), index of production for Scotland (Q2).

THURSDAY

Interims: Appleby Westward, Bank of Ireland, British Telecom, Cranswick, Drayton English & Intl, Kleinwort Emerging Markets, London Insurance Market Inv Trust, Northumbrian Water, Oxford Instruments, Parkland Group, Porter Chadburn, Royal Dutch Petroleum (Q3), Royal Insurance Holdings (Q3), Scottish Power, Shell Transport & Trading (Q3), Somic, Staveley Industries, Umeco, Warner Howard. **Finals:** Burton Group, Honeysuckle Group, Orb Estates. **Economic statistics:** New earnings survey 1994 part D: analyses by occupation, analysis of bank lending to UK residents (Q3).

FRIDAY

Interims: Boustead, Prowting, Schroder Split Fund (3id), Unilever (Q3). **Finals:** Fidelity Japan OTC, Mercury Keystone Inv Trust, Ramus Holdings. **Economic statistics:** Usable steel production (Oct), capital issues and redemptions (Oct).

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Amersham International.
The Observer: **Buy** James Dickie: **Sell** Celsis.
The Sunday Telegraph: **Buy** Bett Bros, Stratagem.
Independent on Sunday: **Buy** French Conn.. **Sell** Tomkins.
Mail on Sunday: **Buy** Compass, Pressac, Tele-Cine Cell.
Sunday Express: **Buy** Northern Foods, Matthew Clark.

COMPANIES — PHILIP PANGALOS



Rising tide of travellers to lift BAA

BAA: Britain's biggest airport operator and owner, headed by Sir John Egan, will start the ball rolling in a week when a host of leading companies provide a more accurate picture of the economic recovery. Continued growth in the number of airport users and increasing retail revenues should help to drive up second-quarter pre-tax profits to £153 million (£139 million) in the second quarter, according to Mike Powell, of NatWest Securities. This will lift NatWest's first-half pre-tax profit estimate to £264 million (£239 million), with market forecasts ranging from £260 million to £285 million. A dividend of 3.75p (3.375p) is predicted.

BAA will benefit from a greater passenger flow, but attention will focus on what has happened to spend per passenger and retail income per passenger. This comes at a time when there has been disruptive building work at airport terminals, including the earth slip at Heathrow airport during work on the new Underground rail tunnel. Traffic grew 7.9 per cent in the important second quarter and NatWest is looking for BAA's retail income per passenger to improve by about 2 per cent, though this may be optimistic.

ASSOCIATED BRITISH FOODS: Lower investment income is likely to result in a drop in full-year profits from the Sunblest bread to Silver Spoon sugar group.

The weakness of gilts markets has taken its toll of investment income at ABF, which has much of its large cash balances invested in gilts.

Final pre-tax profits are expected to slip to £312 million (£322 million), according to Smith New Court. Market forecasts range from £304 million to £350 million. A dividend of 15.5p-16p (15p) is predicted.

S G WARBURG: the merchant bank that last month gave warning of a substantial drop from last time's profit of £148.8 million, is tomorrow expected to report interim pre-tax profits of £62 million, with a £56 million contribution from Mercury Asset Management, its fund management arm, says BZW. Market forecasts range from £55 million to £65 million. An unchanged dividend of 6p is anticipated.

MARKS AND SPENCER: Britain's biggest clothing retailer, should provide evidence tomorrow that it can drive sales and profits forward in the face of a harsh retail market, in which consumer confidence remains fragile. Julie Ramshaw, at Morgan Stanley, the American securities house, is looking for M&S to turn in a strong first-half performance and lift interim pre-tax profits to £347 million (£312.7 million). Market forecasts range from £345 million to £363 million. An interim dividend of 2.8p (2.5p) is predicted. Morgan Stanley is looking for 6 per cent like-for-like sales growth, with a similar trend for foods, which are estimated to account for nearly 30 per cent of group profits. There should also be gains in market share, while margins should prove to have been resilient thanks to productivity improvements and more efficient stock management.

The Far East market should provide strong growth.

BRITISH TELECOM: Interim pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, are expected to dip to £1.47 billion (£1.498 billion), depressed by a one-off £75 million charge for the redemption of government debt, according to NatWest Securities. The interim dividend is forecast to rise to 7.07p (6.65p). International volumes may have slowed.

ANGLIAN WATER: UBS has pencilled in a rise in interim pre-tax profits to £111 million (£100.2 million). Market forecasts range from £106.5 million to £112 million. UBS anticipates a dividend of 8.2p (7.3p). UBS expects core revenue growth of 5.7 per cent, operating cost growth of 3 per cent and a renewed provision fall of £5 million to lead to core profit growth of 10 per cent. Non-core activities should improve to break-even with closure of loss-making businesses.

BRITISH AIRWAYS: NatWest Securities expects second-quarter pre-tax profits of £225 million (£173 million), giving £314 million (£235 million) for the half year. Market forecasts range from £300 million to £328 million. A dividend of 3.5p (3.18p) is predicted. BA has already reported that passenger traffic was up 6.8 per cent for the six months to end-September, with a marked recovery in first and business classes. It remains to be seen whether the good news can dispel the gloom in the BA share price that was cast over it with the airline's $400 million investment in USAir.

CABLE & WIRELESS: Katie Still, of NatWest Securities, expects the group to report first-half pre-tax profits of £565 million (£509 million). Market forecasts range from £545 million to £572 million. A dividend of 2.86p (2.6p) is predicted. Earnings continue to be driven by strong growth at Hong Kong Telecom, which accounts for 70 per cent of C&W's operating profit.

BURTON GROUP: Excess capacity continues to constrain recovery hopes, but Zak Keshavjee, of Williams de Broë, is looking for final pre-tax profits of £40 million (£23.5 million/£37.8 million before exceptionals). Market forecasts range from £38 million to £45 million. An unchanged dividend of 2p is predicted. One of the key issues is whether Burton has been able to improve gross margins by weaning itself off price markdowns.



Right direction: BAA, headed by Sir John Egan, has handled greater numbers of passengers

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Sideshows to a non-event

There were so many red faces after the Bank of England raised base rates in September, not on the Thursday or Friday after the monetary meeting with the Chancellor but on the following Monday, that last week's feverish interest rate vigil is not likely to wind down until the end of today. If the Bank doesn't make its move this morning, the debate will be put off until next month and attention will turn to other developments this week.

Among the other few important pieces of economic news coming out of Britain is this morning's publication of September's industrial production figures. These are particularly eagerly awaited because of the surprising decline in production of 0.1 per cent and in manufacturing of 0.3 per cent in August.

When those figures were released last month, there was much disagreement about whether special factors were mostly responsible — including a fire at an oil refinery in Milford Haven — or whether the decline signalled the start of a slowdown in production, reflecting weakening consumer demand.

Forecasts suggest that August's fall was a one-off. The median forecast reported by Standard & Poor's MMS International is for growth in both overall industrial production and manufacturing of 0.5 per cent. This optimism is based on the recent quarterly industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry, which showed total new industry orders at their strongest level since October, 1988.

Also published today are official figures for September consumer credit, which are expected to show another moderate rise. On Wednesday, statistics on British whole world trade are expected to show another modest improvement in the deficit.

Financial markets will also be turning their attention to events overseas. The dollar, which last week hit more postwar lows against the yen and triggered some tactical intervention by the US Federal Reserve, is likely to be jittery tomorrow when US congressional elections take place. There is unlikely to be a lasting or dramatic effect.

More important will be Thursday's meeting of the Bundesbank's policymaking council. Hans Tietmeyer, Bundesbank president, said on Friday that the next move on German rates could be in either direction. He said that the rate of price increases was now slowing and that the rate of expansion of M3 broad money supply had slowed appreciably. But he added that the central bank was not yet satisfied either by the current inflation rate or money supply growth.

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Confidence of firms in UK levelling off

THE heads of small- and medium-sized businesses in Britain continue to be unhappy about the overall state of the economy and confidence has started to level off, according to the latest 3i/Cranfield European Enterprise Index. The latest survey shows broad optimism across Europe for the first time since it was compiled in 1991, with rises in all key business indicators.

British confidence levels remain higher than in the rest of Europe, reflecting the fact that the British economy is about a year ahead in the economic cycle. However, the increase in confidence among British businesses was the lowest in Europe. Neil Cross, international director of 3i, said, however, that British companies still planned to make big increases in spending on training, research and development and marketing. Britain is the only European country in which companies expect to take on more employees.

Plea on home-loan help

NEARLY a quarter of a million home-buyers could risk losing their properties if the Government lowers the limit on mortgages eligible for income support, says the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML). Reports suggest that ministers are preparing to cut, from £125,000 to £90,000, the limit on which home-owners may claim support, it said. The CML says that 220,000 borrowers have outstanding loans between the two figures and that income support underpins those who become unemployed or have limited income.

Business borrows more

GROWTH in demand for consumer credit weakened in September but businesses, which have shown very little desire to borrow for investment during the recovery, increased their demand for credit, according to figures from the Finance & Leasing Association. Consumer credit totalled £1.56 billion in September, up by 24 per cent on a year ago. However, this compared with year-on-year rises of more than 30 per cent earlier this year. Business finance jumped 19 per cent from August's level to £1.6 billion.

Domestic share deals fall

IN A month of volatile trading, turnover in English and Irish equities on the London Stock Exchange fell by just over £5 billion to £43.9 billion in October, the Exchange said. But there was no let up in the flow of new issues. In all, 17 joined the official list, bringing the total this year to 205. Ten of October's debutantes took the opportunity to raise fresh capital, tapping the market for £413 million. Trading in overseas shares increased £1.7 billion to £55 billion.

Buyout firm seeks $1.1bn

CLAYTON Dubilier & Rice, the US leveraged-buyout specialist, is trying to raise a new $1.15 billion fund to invest in management buyouts in the US and Europe. Joseph Rice, its president, was in London and Amsterdam this week talking to potential investors. Unlike UK buyout specialists, CDR takes majority ownership and full control of the firms in which it invests. Mr Rice said that if CDR was to participate in a UK buyout, it would do so with a partner.

IBM and Apple join forces to challenge rivals' dominance

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

TWO of the most powerful players in the world's computer industry are today set to announce a common design for their microchips, ending years of incompatibility.

International Business Machines (IBM) and Apple Computer will use the PowerPC microprocessor, which they developed with Motorola, in an effort to wrest the future of the industry away from dominance by Intel chips and Microsoft software.

Although personal computers using the new microprocessor will not reach the shelves before 1996 at the earliest, Toshiba, Canon and several smaller companies have agreed to manufacture machines based around the PowerPC. In Europe, Olivetti is reportedly ready to join these ranks.

The alliance hopes that independent software designers will create applications for the new standard, which would in turn encourage users to buy machines that use it. The PowerPC will also be able to run existing programmes for both IBM and Apple-Macintosh machines. IBM, Apple and Motorola have been talking for three years about a common design for personal computers. Analysts say that although Apple and IBM were once great rivals in the PC business, they have buried their differences to combat the growing influence of Microsoft in the industry. Microsoft software, designed mainly for IBM compatible machines, has driven down the price of PCs, reducing margins to their lowest levels.

Apple already uses the PowerPC in its Power Macintosh line, which has sold more than 600,000 units since its release this spring. IBM uses the chip in high-powered work stations but the release of a PC has been delayed because of software difficulties. The two companies are also collaborating on new software and multimedia products, but these are still in their development stages. Today's agreement is expected to fall short of hopes held by some industry specialists that IBM would also license Apple's operating system. Analysts say such a move would advance PowerPC's chances of success, and believe talks to this end are continuing.

Last week, several analysts suggested that IBM would wind up paying $1 billion for a compatibility-redesign of the Macintosh system and the rights to use it. Such a move would give Apple an inroad into big corporate customers, and IBM a popular personal computer operating system.

Nevertheless, Intel and Microsoft represent formidable obstacles. Intel-based machines control 85 per cent of the world's PC market, and virtually all of these use Microsoft operating systems. Buyers will also be aware that although the new chip will end the incompatibility of IBM and Apple systems, today's agreement will cause a new division, between machines using Intel microprocessors — such as the current standard IBM PCs and various clones — and those run by the PowerPC chip.

Guardian team awaits Nationwide payments

BY PATRICIA TEHAN BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Guardian insurance sales force, which stepped in to cover work for the Nationwide building society after it suspended its financial services sales force for retraining in July, has suffered payment delays for work it has done.

Some members of the 180-strong sales force have also found payments were not made even after policies were issued to customers.

Nationwide suspended its 1,300 financial services sales staff in July after a routine visit from Lautro, the life assurance regulator, identified concern over supervision.

The Nationwide plans to launch its own life insurance and unit trust subsidiaries next year, but currently acts as an agent for Guardian Financial Services, part of Guardian Royal Exchange.

Guardian sales staff depend on commission, and do not receive a salary. They say that they have been kept waiting for payments of hundreds of thousands of pounds. They are paid by Guardian, but only after it receives paperwork from the Nationwide. Staff criticise the Nationwide for not sending papers through, in some cases even when its endowment mortgage customers have moved into their houses, and Guardian for failing to chase payments.

A Guardian spokesman said: "Our own sales team is accustomed to the system that as soon as a policy is put on the books they are paid commission. With Nationwide, they are handling mortgage-related cases. These cases only get through the commission system when the business has reached the exchange of contracts stage." He said that Guardian was happy that the system had been up to date.

Nationwide suspended its sales force after Lautro's visit. It reduced those permitted to sell regulated products to 650, and the figure has fallen to 565 with the sale of its estate agency business. Of these, 335 are back in the field.

Bock plans to put focus on Lonrho's core divisions

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

DIETER Bock, now the unquestioned chief at Lonrho after last week's *coup d'état* against Tiny Rowland, has contradicted weekend reports that the decision has been made to dismember the trading conglomerate.

The most likely way forward at present looks like a series of market flotations of minority stakes in sections of the sprawling empire to emphasise its inherent value.

But there is no question, contrary to a weekend report, that Mr Bock will be selling all his outside interests, including Advanta, the German property company within two years. Instead, he plans to concentrate more fully on Lonrho. He believes Advanta's existing management is strong enough to operate without too much of his day-to-day involvement.

There are also no plans to sell the former Mappin & Webb site opposite the Mansion House, now demolished and being redeveloped by a joint venture between Mr Bock and Lord Palumbo, former Arts Council chairman. Uncertainties over Mr Bock's other business interests have served as a drag on the Lonrho share price during the running battle between the two men to control the company. Only last month the shares started slipping on reports, subsequently denied, of financial difficulties in Germany.

Mr Bock described Mr Rowland's legacy as "something put together by a collector" rather than a properly integrated company. His focus in future will be on three core divisions, mining, hotels and agriculture, with outlying businesses such as car dealerships set for disposal.

But a source close to Mr Bock said: "The world will have to wait a little before anyone finds out what is happening." Most likely candidates for flotations, with Lonrho maintaining a majority interest, would be the hotels and the platinum mining interests. Lonrho has a 73 per cent stake in Western Platinum of South Africa.



Dieter Bock will keep his involvement at Advanta, the German property group

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.31	2.12
Austria Sch	18.26	16.76
Belgium Fr	53.65	49.25
Canada $	2.304	2.144
Cyprus Cypf	0.784	0.734
Denmark Kr	10.22	9.42
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.45
France Fr	8.91	8.21
Germany Dm	2.61	2.40
Greece Dr	393.00	368.00
Hong Kong $	13.13	12.13
Irsland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2615.00	2480.00
Japan Yen	173.50	158.50
Malta	0.616	0.561
Netherds Gld	2.901	2.671
Norway Kr	11.29	10.49
Portugal Esc	262.00	243.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.41
Spain Pta	212.80	198.00
Sweden Kr	12.50	11.70
Switzerland Fr	2.20	2.02
Turkey Lira	refer	58487.0
USA $	1.714	1.584

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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HYDROPHYTE
(c) An aquatic plant, or one needing a water-logged environment for its growth. From the Greek *hudor, hudro-* water + *phuton* a plant. "The ultimate term in the acceptance of aquatic conditions is reached in certain hydrophytes with submerged flowers, in which even the pollination is aquatic."

LOS VON ROM
(b) A slogan used by and applied to a movement which arose in Austria and Germany at the end of the 19th century, seeking to reduce the political influence of the Roman Catholic Church. Also used allusively of other policies of this kind. German for "free from Rome". "This Los von Rom movement seems to have been anti-Slav; and reinforced Protestants quite as much, the tendency being to pave the way for these provinces to join the German Empire."

HOKAN
(a) The name given to a group of languages of certain American Indian peoples inhabiting the west coast of the US. So *Hokanist* one who is versed in these languages. "It is difficult for me to suggest any alternative to the hypothesis of a common origin of the Hokan and Coahuiltecan languages."

MAMALIGA
(c) Maize porridge, a staple food in Rumania, from the Rumanian word, = *polenta*. "Maize forms the staple food of the lower classes. Every day a portion is boiled for the use of the family. It is called mamaliga, and is usually eaten alone; a little milk or a piece of salt fish being, however, sometimes added."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1 ... Ba6! 2 Qxa6 (2.b5 Bxb5 does not change things) 2 ... Qf2+ 3 Kh1 Qxf1+ 4 Qxf1 Rxf1+ 5 Kg2 Rxc1 and Black has won a piece.

Why markets need not fear a Labour administration

GILT-EDGED

Is Gordon Brown's economic policy more important to the gilt market than Kenneth Clarke's? In Budget month, Conservative policy will be dissected by City pundits. Labour's will barely warrant a footnote. Yet there could be a change of government within the next 18 months. John Major could decide to go to the country ahead of the EMU Stage III Conference (due before the end of 1996) to avoid Tory party splits over Europe before a 1997 election. A further 18 months of low inflation and reasonable economic growth may also help to persuade him of the merits of an early poll.

However, Labour's massive opinion poll lead suggests that they, rather than the Conservatives, could be in government for much of the life of all but the shortest-dated gilts. For the long-term institutional investor, the size of their allocation to long- and medium-dated gilts is the major asset allocation issue.

Allocation is high on the agenda for two reasons. First, yields approaching 9 per cent are more attractive than they have been for some years, particularly when measured in real terms or relative to equities. Second, increasing fund maturity and possible regulatory changes associated with the Goode Report, point to an increasing investment in gilts. Now may be a good time to start that longer-term asset allocation shift.

The conventional wisdom is that a Labour victory would be bad for UK bonds. But when has conventional wisdom ever made money in markets? The conventional view assumes that Labour policies will involve higher inflation and taxes and more borrowing and public spending. As a consequence, sterling would also be under downward pressure. As a minimum, the market will demand a risk premium for Labour.

In reality, Labour does not intend to roll back the current monetary policy framework. It will not reverse recent increases in Bank of England independence. Indeed, it is keeping an open mind on increasing independence — as it would be obliged to do under the Maastricht Treaty. It will either retain an explicit inflation target or introduce a nominal income target as an anchor for monetary policy. In Labour's view, inflation targets independent of policies for the real economy are far from ideal. However, it is the structure of the economy that determines what level of unemployment and economic activity generates rising inflation. Thus economic policies must also aim to reduce the Nairu (non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment). Labour's anti-inflation policy has a real growth component in terms of an output gap framework. It will aim, through policy measures, to push up the trend rate of growth and, therefore, the threshold level of output at which the economy runs into inflationary problems.

The way Labour responded to the recent base rate hike gives clues to the way it would operate in government. Mr Brown did not directly criticise the rate rise itself. By implication he would not have acted much differently. Labour does not see any attraction in taking risks on inflation as it does not see a trade-off between inflation and unemployment. The criticism of the Government is that rate rises are necessary at such high levels of unemployment and low levels of output — that after 15 years of Conservative rule the supply side of the economy cannot accommodate much recovery in demand before monetary brakes have to be applied. Although Labour would deny it, this means that in the early days of a Labour government there might not be much difference in short-term monetary policy.



Brown: no barrier

Labour's aim seems to be to improve the ability of the supply side of the economy to cope with demand growth, but this would take time. Indeed, it would be blown off course by rising inflation. As a result, Labour will probably respond to exogenous inflation shocks or the post-election consequences of pre-election tax cuts in much the same way as a Conservative administration.

The gilt market could actually benefit from a Labour victory because of the party's attitude to Economic and Monetary Union. The split in the Conservative party would prevent early membership of Emu if the Tories won the next election. Labour is much more likely to take Britain in.

Thus the market would have a more explicit anchor for borrowing and monetary policy than under the Conservatives. With the removal of exchange-rate risk, there would be more chance of reducing the yield premium over German bonds. Labour economic policy is, therefore, more likely to be distinguished from Tory policy by its attitude to Emu, and its focus on links between the real economy and inflation, than by extra borrowing, spending or a lax attitude to inflation — as the conventional wisdom suggests.

It is almost a golden rule of international bond investing that the political risk premium gets bid too high in the run-in to elections regardless of the political colour of the government in power. Bond markets do not like political uncertainty. This creates a temporary opportunity, not a higher risk.

In the end, investors want to make money. Economic and policy fundamentals determine whether this happens, not the conventional political wisdom or the political persuasion of the government. The more a Labour risk premium is built into gilt yields either now, or in the run-in to an election, the greater the scope for a rally subsequently, no matter whether Labour or the Tories win. For the long-term institutional investor, the probability of a Labour government is no barrier to investment in longer-dated stock.

DOUG JONES
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Clarke receives more proposals on jobless

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE TUC and free-market Adam Smith Institute will today put forward separate proposals to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, aimed at reducing long-term unemployment and creating quality jobs.

The TUC today picks up the CBI's proposals for tackling long-term unemployment by setting out plans aimed at helping the unemployed move back into work, increasing job security and job quality.

Attacking "mean-spirited proposals through coercion" such as the Government's new JobSeekers' Allowance, the TUC proposes a training levy with national insurance breaks for good employers and a job training scheme and job subsidies for employers who hire from the long-term jobless. Better benefits could be funded via ending tax relief on profit-related pay, and up to 300,000 jobs could be created by the Government "stabilising" public investment.

The Adam Smith Institute's proposals include:

☐ Green cards, to allow long-term unemployed to pay no tax or NI, and still receive tapering benefits. Employers taking them on would pay no NI or benefits, and would be free from employment law.

☐ Easing planning restrictions to allow people living on housing estates where there are a high proportion of long-term unemployed to run small businesses from their homes or garages.

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Self-satisfied industry must get down to work



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Self-satisfaction threatens to be the *leitmotiv* of this year's CBI annual conference. It is easy to see why. The hierarchy's relationship with government is so smooth and close that, if it does not actually run the country, it certainly plays a strong role in making economic and social policy. And the recovery, if unspectacular, looks solid. The London Business School has delivered its most enthusiastic medium-term forecast for many a year. The CBI's own steady-as-you-go Budget submission purred that: "The macroeconomic background is favourable."

There is, however, a big difference between lobbying success and what CBI members are doing on the ground. Less cause for self-satisfaction there. The more benign the policy background, the more the underlying ills of the economy are down to the behaviour of industry. Low growth, low employment, high poverty and high taxation will be blamed on short-sighted, timid and mediocre management.

Monetary and fiscal policies aimed at steady, inflation-free growth are fine. But the sustainable rate of growth is then determined by industry. When the Governor of the Bank of England advises the Chancellor each month that interest rates need to rise, his counsel is based on a pessimistic view. A production function used by the Bank suggests that the long-term rate of growth is only 1.75 per cent. Why so low? Because investment contributes little and there is a long downtrend in person-hours worked in the economy.

What are CBI members doing about this? Precious little, apart from justifying the Bank's pessimism. Investment is low and stagnant. The corporate sector's financial surplus is building up. On precedent, it will be used for another bout of takeovers rather than investment in expansion. Takeovers are fine for specialists whose *raison d'être* is to manage underperforming assets better, or for groups seeking a foothold in a new sector. For most mainstream companies they are just the soft option, the alternative to economic growth.

Surveys by the Bank of England and the CBI itself show that much of industry sets absurdly high tests for new investment. Given the risks of expansion, only acquisitions, or labour-saving machinery and information technology designed to cut costs, are likely to pass.

Why do we hear so much about the benefits of inward investment by Far Eastern manufacturers and American telephone companies? Because there is so little investment by British firms to shout about. Retailers and some others ploughing efficiency savings into expansion, replacing jobs lost by more new ones. But only a small minority of big firms are expanding organically or using cash flow from mature businesses to start new ones.

Far more are still retrenching, closing factories and rationalising distribution and marketing, rather than building up business. Big groups in anything from banking to food manufacturing still regularly unveil company-wide crash restructuring plans as though they displayed hands-on virtue. In reality, most are testimony to management's failure to control costs, market products and plan continuously. Management by crisis has become the norm.

Britain now has among the lowest labour costs in the European Union, let alone Japan or America. For every company that exploits this to set up new operations or expand trade, more still focus almost exclusively on cutting costs, particularly labour, and raising margins. Far too many companies have ignored the opportunity to expand exports since sterling's devaluation. The volume of exports has grown at much the same pace as imports since 1992, as exporters have striven to raise margins instead.

Growth at even 2.5 per cent will make few inroads into underemployment. That is up to business. Yet big firms think it is someone else's problem. Smaller companies may be the mainspring of new jobs but they cannot mop up all the labour being shed by big firms. Productivity gains should be a spur for expansion, not an alternative.

The CBI campaigned successfully to expand the labour force by denying women pensions until age 65. But its members ensure that older workers are first to be culled and the last to get new jobs. The CBI wants to cut social security spending. Yet many companies have abandoned long-term secure jobs, adding to the frictional unemployed. They have split full-time jobs, cut wages and pay people so little that the money has to be topped up by taxpayers. They should be ashamed. Available labour is unskilled because industry has failed to train. Now, in Europe's cheapest major labour market, the CBI demands more job subsidies from taxpayers.

These attitudes are understandable. The CBI itself was, after all, influential in urging Chancellor Major to peg sterling at virtually 3 marks. The cost-cutting survival mentality enabled much of British business to respond fast and well to the ensuing recession, shedding capacity, labour and marginal business, so that productivity continued to grow. Accountants and rationalisers have ousted marketing men, engineers and visionaries.

Few boards trust that favourable "macroeconomic background" to continue. But managers have to be flexible too. If managers fail to adapt to steady growth , or to make way for people who believe in expansion, the consequences are inescapable: low growth, high unemployment, high taxes.

Unless CBI members secretly want Government to embark on another dash for growth, they should eschew self-satisfaction and discuss how they can stop failing Britain. Business now has the tools; it is time to get down to the job.

Joanna Pitman reports on the growth of Japan's mighty Tsutsumi dynasty

Empire of the rising sons



Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, said to be worth $22 billion

The richest man in the world, Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, is a reclusive Japanese businessman possessed by an obsession with saving money and a loathing for vulgar displays of wealth. As the autocratic ruler of the vast international Seibu empire of real estate, hotels, retail and financial services, travel and media interests, his personal fortune is estimated by *Forbes* magazine at $9 billion. For the past three years, he has been at the top of the *Forbes* list of the world's richest business people. Family members whisper, however, that he is the sole owner of the entire empire. If true, that would make him, even in today's recession-raddled Japan, worth $22 billion.

Tsutsumi's plight in lonely isolation on top of the world's largest haul of non-inherited wealth, is made all the more piquant by his legendary parsimony. While he spends his days controlling his vast money-making machine, buying golf courses in the mornings, commissioning new hotels in the afternoon and expanding his travel interests in the evenings, he is privatey consumed with a degree of meanness that is almost comical when considered in the context of his great riches.

He lives in almost exact accordance with his background, as the son of a poor peasant from provincial Japan, and is, astonishingly, famously stingy. He was once photographed showing off a hole in the sole of his shoe which had been mended with black tape, according to a personal lifelong leather-saving routine. He cannot bring himself to waste a single sheet of memo paper. The 30,000 employees of his 70-odd companies are drilled to use not one piece of loo paper too many: in his hotels he waits an extra year before installing new carpeting, sheets or furniture, and has the old ones cut up and used in the staff quarters. And after a notorious occasion when he tore open a packet of sugar in one of his hotels and found he needed only six of the eight grams for his coffee, he summoned the manager and ordered all packets of sugar to be reduced in size. Unnecessary waste is his *bête noir*.

Such uncompromisingly thrifty attitudes no doubt contribute to the building of large business empires. Legend has it that Forte made its money by introducing strict portion control on its restaurant platters, to ensure there was no uncontrolled waste. But Tsutsumi's approach, which smacks more of stinginess, is only a small facet of the much more colourful story of how, over two generations, the Tsutsumi family came to wield such a degree of international power.

The Brothers, Lesley Downer's book, published by Chatto & Windus on Thursday, traces in vivid and entertaining detail, the tale of two generations of Tsutsumis. First came the peasant Yasujiro, born into rural poverty in 1889 whose visionary business exploits from tiny beginnings have matured into today's $22 billion dynasty. Then come the two brothers of the title: Yoshiaki, the illegitimate, younger, but more brutishly driven and powerful, and Seiji, the legitimate, artistic and yet equally astute business broker who has amassed for himself a considerable personal fortune worth just under a billion dollars and has his own place in *Forbes*.

Ms Downer's choice of the Tsutsumi family is an apt one, not only by virtue of the magnificently colourful characters in the family. More significantly, perhaps, the Tsutsumis' rise to power mirrors to a remarkable degree the rise of Japan after the 1868 Meiji Restoration from a position of isolation and relative poverty to one of dominance in the global economy. Japan's dramatic and rapid social changes in terms of the rise of individual wealth and aspirations that have accompanied the nation's economic progress, are also vividly illustrated in the Tsutsumis' case by the shift in attitudes, values and dreams held by the two different generations.

The Tsutsumi fortune was built on land, land and more land. Yasujiro, the father, borrowed to the hilt in order to buy land at every juncture. Intimations of his prescience began to emerge when, between 1945 and 1950 land prices multiplied more than 200-fold. With the heavy premium on land in mountainous Japan, the appreciation of land values has fuelled the Tsutsumis' rise ever since.

Both sons have followed their father's winning strategy, building empires with the apparent ease of cleaning up at a game of Monopoly. Yoshiaki invested internationally in resorts, railways, hotels, travel and sporting interests while Seiji built his own independent empire around department stores, supermarkets and hotels. In 1988, his Saison group bought the Intercontinental hotels group from Grand Metropolitan for $2.15 billion. When the "bubble" burst and asset prices came tumbling down in 1990, heralding a recession that has lasted until this day, both brothers were hit badly. Seibu Railways, a cornerstone of Yoshiaki's empire, showed a 92 per cent drop in profits in 1992 and a further 73 per cent fall in 1993, bitter blows that indicated similar falls in Kokudo, his unlisted company.

In spite of Japan's economic troubles, the two brothers' empires continue to expand. In the past year, since their fierce sibling rivalries appear to have been tempered, business tie-ups between the two groups are driving the Tsutsumi fortunes towards ever-greater heights.

As their example shows, it would be unwise to pronounce the Japanese economic juggernaut broken beyond repair. Downer's book is well worth reading for the insight it gives into the kind of business empires that are currently consolidating their resources, quietly readying themselves for fresh advances into the world economy. It is also an absorbing tale of our times, entertainingly told and highly relevant to those doing business with Japan.

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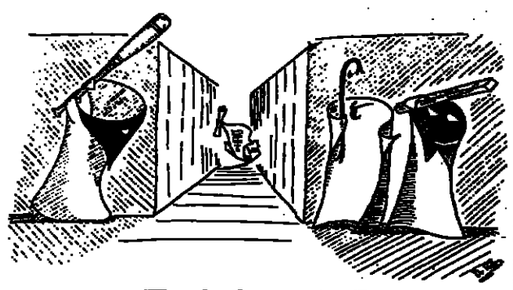
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Unravelling derivatives



"Terminating a contract"

EVER been stuck between two City boffins in a crowded train and been befuddled by their mumbo-jumbo conversation? Ever wondered what deal they might be hatching, but couldn't break their coded talk? Everything you ever wanted to know, but were too afraid to ask, about backwardation, contango, explosive, exotic, knock-out and/or naked (!) options, and other weird and outlandish terminology such as "cash-or-nothing calls" used daily in the base and precious metals derivatives market, is now explained — with cartoons (see above, right). Jessica Cross, formerly Jacks, a respected economist who worked in the 1980s for Consolidated Gold Fields and in the early 1990s for RTZ in London before returning to South Africa to run her own consultancy, Crosswords, has applied her talents to her first book — *The Derivatives Revolution* (Rosendale Press £30). Jessica, 35, now a PhD, whose husband is an official at the South African Reserve Bank, clearly developed her business acumen early. She tells of how, when aged eight, in South Africa, she entered into business transactions with a snotty boy in short trousers, who has since risen to great financial heights. "I used to trade dead silkworms with him, but he always offered a very bad exchange rate — two white silkworms for 1 cent, one pure Zebra-striped worm for 1 cent. And I'd take them home to mother in my lunchbox," she told me with glee.

Franklin exchange

JOHN Franklin, 22 years at Morgan Grenfell, latterly as a corporate finance director, has moved across the Square Mile to Wilson Street, where he has been made a director of Fox-Fitt, Kelton, an international banking firm specialising in the insurance and banking sectors. Franklin is founder and chairman of the 421 Names Action Group, the only Lloyd's syndicate to recommend acceptance of the Lloyd's settlement. At Morgan Grenfell, he worked on Eurotunnel for the first two years of its life, helping with the original private equity placement. As one of the early shareholders, Franklin has free access through the tunnel for life. But that is where the honours end. "Like everybody else, I have to wait for the thing to be opened," he said.

Smell of success

AFTER the praise heaped on the British consultancy industry by the Duke of Gloucester when he presented the industry's annual awards, yet more recognition — this time for a consultant who has come up smelling of magnolias after spending over a year working on a sewage project. Mike Burley, a director of consultants Mott MacDonald, has been in charge of a multi-billion dollar project to develop a drainage and water network in Shanghai. In recognition of his work, Burley has been awarded the Magnolia Prize by the Shanghai People's Government, the highest award it can give to foreigners.

Gin — and bitter

COLLEAGUES travelling United Airlines — "Come fly the friendly skies" — to Washington encountered a surly crew, but were impressed by their ability to refuel mid-air — with tonic water. First drink offered — gin and tonic. Second one, gin, no tonic — but orange available. Third one, several hours later — yup, gin and tonic again. Alas, the crew on the return to London could not manage the same trick. Two drinks only, and only with orange the second time.

COLIN CAMPBELL

RADIO CHOICE

The childcare balancing act

Childhood and Social Truth. *Radio 3, 9.00pm.*

When Dr Clifford Yorke examines the gap between what we know about children and the way we treat them, parents — and grandparents, come to that — will be well advised to lend a respectful ear. He was, for many years, psychiatrist-in-charge at the Anna Freud centre in Hampstead, north London. I do not feel qualified to challenge his theories, but they make a lot of sense to me. Tonight's is the first of Dr Yorke's talks, one for every night this week. I assume everybody will know what he means when he talks about a child's demand for instant gratification. The problem — and the central theme tonight — is when, and how, to balance "I want" with reality.

Screenplay. *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*

As in all radio quizzes, it's not the scoring that matters in *Screenplay*. There aren't any prizes for the winners. The only kudos is to be able to dine out on their success ("Well, would *you* have known what W.C. Fields wanted engraved on his tombstone?"). There was a time when this quiz got bogged down in the cinema's "golden era" of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. Less so these days. There are questions today about *Reservoir Dogs* and Madonna. But it still has to go back to the past for the worst lines in films. Was there really a movie in which English soldiers, before sailing for France, were told by their king: "Men of the Middle Ages. You are about to embark on the Hundred Years War!"?

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo, incl the Golden Hour and True Confessions 12.00 Emma Freud, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier, incl Office of the Day and the Grin 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq and Jo Whiley 9.00 John Shuttleworth 10.00 Mark Radcliffe music and humour from Manchester 12.00 Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, incl at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Derek Jameson 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Campbell Burnap with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 10.00 Jazz Score: the return of the Jazz Quiz, chaired by Benny Green 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Campbell Burnap with Jazz Notes 1.00 Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Euronews 11.15 Actuality 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 Sportstrack: music and sporting memories from 1972 8.00 The Monday Match: Norwich v Everton 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight, with Tim Grundy 2.00-6.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick 5.00 Classic Reports 7.00 A to Z of Classical Music 8.00 Myaskovsky (String Quartet in G); Brahms (Piano Trio in A); Beethoven (Cello Sonata No 5 in D); Mendelssohn (String Quartet No 2) 10.00 Michael Nyman 1.00am André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Paul Coyte 2.00-6.00am Late Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Mendelssohn (Overture: Die Schöne Melusine); [illegible] Quartet [illegible] (String Quartet No 2); [illegible] Quilter (Four Country Pieces); Tchaikovsky (Symphonic Fantasy: The Tempest) 9.00 Composer of the Week: Alexander Borodin: The Fisher-maiden; Sextet in D minor, first movement; Piano Quintet in C minor, first movement; Symphony No 1 in E flat; Song of the Dark Forest; The Sea Princess; The False Note; My songs are filled with poison 10.00 Musical Encounters: Artists of the Week: Philip Jones Brass Ensemble. Britten (Russian Funeral); Tchaikovsky (Dumka, Op 59); Quartet Collection: Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 33 No 2); Myaskovsky (Symphony No 5); Locke (Music for His Majesty's Sackbutts and Cornetts); Ponchielli (Quartet for flute, oboe, two clarinets and piano); Mussorgsky (Boris Godunov, excerpt) 12.00 Strictly for the Birds: Gordon Stewart spotlights operatic villains including Lady Macbeth 1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert: The Takacs Quartet plays Schubert (String Quartet in C); Bartók (String Quartet No 6) 2.00 Schools 3.00 Symphonic Steppes: Lyatoshinsky (Symphony No 1) 3.45 The Dutch Organ: Gustav Leonhardt plays Sweelinck (Toccata in A minor); Schleiermann (Praeludium in G minor; Herr Christ der einige Gottes Sohn); Stanley Lass (String Quartet No 2); [illegible] plays Sweelinck); [illegible] Quartet (Gallard Bk 2); Sweelinck: Englesche Fortuyn; M Schildt (Gleich wie das feuer); Anon (Wie dechen dier het boech af drilt); Van Noordt (Psalm 50) 4.30 The Guitar in Jazz: Leading jazz guitarists of the 1980s 5.00 The Music Machine: Jazz trumpeter Guy Barker explains the history of jazz 5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green 7.30 BBC Philharmonic 60th Birthday Concert under Yan Pascal Tortelier, with Shura Cherkassky, piano, John McCabe (Fizzgig); Peter Maxwell Davies (Birthday Greeting); John Casken (Bougle-Wougie); Dvořák (Overture: Carnival); Rubinstein (Piano Concerto No 4 in D minor); Stravinsky (Petrushka, 1911) 9.00 Childhood and Social Truth: See Choice 9.20 Biber: Harmoni artificiosa-ariosa (Partita No 6 in D; Partita No 5 in G minor) (r) 9.55 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Tomasz Bugaj. Bach an Webern (Ricercar, The Musical Offering); Webern (Passacaglia); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 5 in D) 10.45 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell 11.30-12.30am Music Restored: 'The life of Dante' 1.00-1.40 Night School

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 News 6.45 Business News 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Benn Tapes 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week: Melvyn Bragg and guests 10.00 Daily Service (LW only): from the Chapel of St Leonards-Mayfield School, East Sussex 10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only): Final part (r) 10.00 News; The Mating Game (FM only) 10.30 Women's Hour: Introduced by Jenni Murray. Caroline Swinburne reports from Malawi on women's fight for a stake in the new democracy after 30 years of President Hastings Banda's dictatorship 11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444 12.00pm News; You and Yours 12.25 Screenplay: See Choice 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; An Odd Body: A four-part detective series by Sue Rockwell, featuring Annette Badland as Detective Inspector Gwen Danbury, Gudrun Ure as Joan and John Duttine as Detective Sergeant Henry Jacobs 3.00 Anderson Country 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson Scott reads the biography of the composer Malcolm Arnold and talks to Mordecai Richler 4.45 Short Story: Name Games, by Michael Dorris 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 The Food Programme (r) Parsnips from Tasmania. 7.45 The Monday Play: Kissing the Gargoyle, by James Stock. Edward is 11 years old when William, his brother, dies in a cycling accident. With Andrew Plumb and Bryan Pringle 9.15 What an Institution: With the help of the BBC Sound Archives, Robert Davies looks at cricket (r) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.50 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Rampages of Rabbit 11.00 Education Matters (LW only) 11.00 Home Truths (FM only): In the third of six conversations with people whose lives abroad have given them a fresh view of their native country, John Miller talks to the distinguished explorer and travel writer Wilfred Thesiger, now in his mid-eighties (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only) 11.30 A Whole New Ball Game (FM only): A new English teacher presents Robert with a question of loyalty and his mother with a new temptation. With Desmond Barrit, Brenda Blethyn and Richard Pearce 12.00-12.43am News incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Monstrosities, monsters and other shockers

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

There is a problem facing directors when they transfer Shakespeare to the screen: the absence of naturalistic small-talk. In Kenneth Branagh's film of *Much Ado About Nothing*, for example, the happy crowd scenes seemed all to be characterised by a silent Brian Blessed mugging cheerfully at the camera, his eyes a helpless agony ("I've got no lines, no lines"), while a grizzled Richard Briers nodded and gestured like a broken puppet for the same reason. That old stand-by "rhubarb" doesn't work on screen, unfortunately. And as Michael Green pointed out in his book *The Art of Coarse Acting*, with Shakespeare it is just not done to improvise. In fact, if you dare to fill in Shakespearean gobbledegook while standing at the back ("Prithee, aye, forsooth, *if pity 'tis, 'tis true 'tis pity*"), everyone else will stop talking suddenly, and you will be heard alone, doing it.

David Thacker's otherwise magnificent *Measure for Measure* (*Performance*, Saturday, BBC 2) encountered this no-lines problem early on, and alas, had no new ideas for solving it. Mistress Overdone (Sue Johnstone) poured a drink and handed it over wordlessly, in a setting where she would naturally say, "Get that down you", and the unspoken words hung on the screen for all to see. But on the other hand, such awkwardness is a small price to pay for a production which tackled everything else so brilliantly — turning a loose, long, difficult play into effective, compelling television. If Shakespeare had written for the medium, he would certainly have employed Thacker's simple idea of the surveillance camera. Who needs an arras flapping about, when the *Duke* can watch Isabella and Claudio on screens in another room?

Thacker set the play in a modern world, and scrubbed all references to Vienna. Top politicians wore crisp collarless shirts and dark Mao jackets, the Provost was an official in a suit, the louche young men were mildly yuppie, and Isabella's excellent gamine haircut was a tribute to the wide-ranging influence of Nicky Clarke — even on the scissor-wielding nuns of St Clare. It was a period without period, as it was doubtless intended to be. The prevailing tone was moral darkness. Many scenes were short and cinematic (Claudio's girlfriend screaming in childbirth), which had the advantage that when the big speeches came, you weren't already worn out with unaccustomed listening.

Is it just a Back to Basics play? Angelo is a hypocritical politician, certainly — when he gets his first chance of power, he uses it to suppress lechery with the full force of the law, and then finds that he yearns to bonk the virtuous barefoot Isabella (Juliet Aubrey). Corin Redgrave's superbly cool performance, however, defied you to judge him so simply. The clever and unusual note in his performance was that he was less of a jumped-up deputy, his head turned by the privilege of power. This Angelo's questioning of Isabella was fatherly in its firmness; he stuck to his original death sentence simply because he knew it was right.

Comparing this production with Adrian Noble's fascinating *Measure for Measure* workshop screened earlier in this "Bard on the Box" season, the obvious difference was in Thacker's use of close-up. The intimacy and rolling force of the play's two great scenes — Isabella pleads with Angelo; Isabella exhorts Claudio to face death — was *emphasised by the* choice in each case to shoot both actors together, faces inches apart. For once you could understand how Isabella's persuasiveness was erotic. Even when dressed in rough shift, like the Maid of Orleans facing the stake, her warmth at such proximity made Angelo glow in the dark.

Tom Wilkinson was the Duke (as devious and impenetrable as ever); Rob Edwards was an enjoyable Lucio; and Ben Miles as Claudio gave his speech about the fear of death ("To lie in cold obstruction and to rot") with a wholly believable passion. In a play of circular reasoning, refined quizzing, and tortured hypotheticals, Claudio's staring into the grave is the unarguable bottom line. When someone is going to cut your head off in the morning, it concentrates the mind poetically.

In fact, hearing Claudio's *speech just 24 hours before last* night's **South Bank Show** on *Frankenstein* (ITV), other viewers may have made the same connection I did — between the fiery floods, thick-ribbed ice, and windy howling of Claudio's imagined lost soul and the famous mortal condition of Mary Shelley's creature. As we readers of arts pages all know by now, Kenneth Branagh sees the Frankenstein monster as a wronged, abandoned infant (an idea he discussed with Melvyn Bragg); but part of the horrific appeal is that the creature is also a *mockery of death, an un-dead*, suffering all the torments traditionally associated with purgatory.

Still, the cosmology informing *Frankenstein* was not the point last night. Instead, the first half of the programme was a well-researched account of early electrical experiment, including film of people receiving shocks through their fingers that made their hair *stand on end. Whether an electrical* force-field accounted for Melvyn Bragg's outrageously tousled barnet was sadly a mystery unsolved, but its various states of array last night (during the Branagh interview) were suggestive at least of an experiment with a wind tunnel. The effect was not unlike a comic sketch. Each time the editor spliced in another "noddy", Bragg's hair looked even wilder, until you almost expected him to sprout face-hair and big teeth as well.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast. Includes Paul Burden reporting live from the CBI conference in *Birmingham (57200)*

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (98496484)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (2283668)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5517200) **10.05 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick** (50556007)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7745736) **12.05 Pebble Mill** hosted by Alan Titchmarsh. Includes a behind-the-scenes look at the Channel 4 comedy series *Desmond's* (s) (6395194) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26774945)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (59007) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (55988484) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (55982200)

2.15 Knots Landing. Drama spin-off from *Dallas* saga (s) (6070026) **3.00 Today's Gourmet**. Jacques Pepin serves up a meal comprised of ingredients from the forest (2804)

3.30 Secret Life of Toys (s) (4557113) **3.45 Monster Café** (s) (4552668) **4.00 Mortimer and Arabel** (s) (3747910) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show** (r) (7809397) **4.35 Mighty Max** (s) (5548571)

4.55 Newsround (2708026) **5.05 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) (s) (2376571)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (275674)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (303)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (755)

7.00 Telly Addicts (s) (7113)

7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs. (Ceefax) (s) (939)



Barbara Windsor and Ross Kemp (8.00pm)

8.00 EastEnders. The Mitchell brothers' mother (Barbara Windsor) arrives in the Square. (Ceefax) (s) (3533)

8.30 The Brittas Empire. Comedy series starring Chris Barrie. (Ceefax) (s) (2668)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5736)

9.30 Panorama. Sarah Barclay investigates why local authorities are having to look after the old, sick and the *poor that the NHS will no longer pay for*. (Ceefax) (943858)

10.10 FILM: Carrie (1976) starring Sissy Spacek. Horror movie about a high school girl who realises she has telekinetic powers and wreaks revenge on those who mocked and bullied her. Directed by Brian De Palma (436129). **Wales:** The Slate 10.40 Film: Carrie 12.15am Film 94 12.45-2.15 Film: Penalty Phase

11.45 Film 94 With Barry Norman. Includes an interview with Oliver Stone about his film *Natural Born Killers*. (Ceefax) (s) (520465)

12.15am FILM: Penalty Phase (1986) starring Peter Strauss and Melissa Gilbert. Drama about a judge with the dilemma of exposing a technical flaw that would free a killer and destroy his career. Directed by Tony Richardson (955427)

1.45 Weather (9954359)

3.00-3.50 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (r) (17318) **3.30 Pathways to Care** (r) (51174137)

BBC2

7.00 Teddy Trucks (r) (s) (8429649) **7.05 Philbert the Frog** (r) (s) (8411620) **7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (Ceefax) (7807561) **7.35 Record Breakers** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9985281)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6151533)

8.15 A Dream Of the Mediterranean. Goran Schildt, the Finnish writer and philosopher, talks about the influence of the Mediterranean on his work. He left Finland 25 years ago with his wife for a holiday on Leros, and stayed (r) (2053674)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (r) (s) (6549533) **2.00** Just So Stories (r) (95439151)

2.10 FILM: Ghost Dancing (1983) starring Dorothy McGuire and Bruce Davison. A feisty widow decides to take matters into her own hands after watching her once-fertile farm transformed into a wasteland by the actions of a water company. Directed by David Greene. (Ceefax). Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (380638) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3542910)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (668)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Cuisine magazine (552)

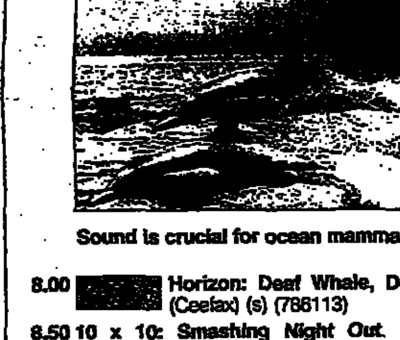
5.00 Esther. Esther Rantzen meets people with stories to tell (5991)

5.30 Catchword. Paul Coia with another round of the word power game (804)

6.00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century starring Gil Gerard, Erin Gray and Peter Graves (r) (211533)

6.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. *V is for Vicars* pays homage to the men of the cloth (r). (Ceefax) (s) (368804)

7.00 The World at War. Series on the history of the Second World War (r). (Ceefax) (1649)



Sound is crucial for ocean mammals (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Horizon: Deaf Whale, Dead Whale**. (Ceefax) (s) (786113)

8.50 10 x 10: Smashing Night Out. (Ceefax) (s) (173858)

9.00 CHOICE **Martin Chuzzlewit**. (Ceefax) (4007)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (606253)

11.15 CHOICE **Who Framed Charles Dickens?** (s) (586552)

11.55 Weather (307842)

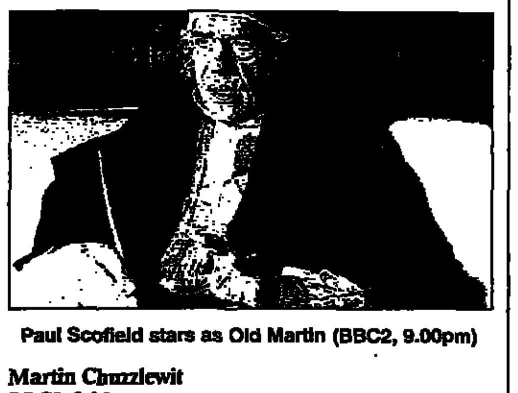
12.00 FILM: Now, About These Women (1964) starring Bibi Andersson. A comedy, Ingmar Bergman's first *colour movie, about a famous cellist who surrounds* himself with women (3401408). Ends at **1.25am**

2.00-4.00 Night School: Mathematics – Mathsphere Series 2 (69311) **4.45-5.00 BBC Select: Disability Agenda** (67482446)

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CHOICE



Paul Scofield stars as Old Martin (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Martin Chuzzlewit
BBC2, 9.00pm

Many hopes will be riding on this year's classic serial, which will inevitably be compared with *Middlemarch*. In fact Dickens's melodramatic novel with its mix of comedy and crime has a very different feel to it and David Lodge's adaptation, savouring the wit of the dialogue and the larger than life characters, makes for entertainment of an altogether more rollicking nature. Set in the 1830s, the story begins with old Martin Chuzzlewit (Paul Scofield) ill and surrounded by grasping relatives. His hypocrite cousin Seth Pecksniff (Tom Wilkinson) is eager for him to leave money to his grandson Martin, so that he can then be married off to one of Pecksniff's daughters. So far the casting seems impeccable, with Philip Franks terrific in the role of Pecksniff's saintly assistant.

Who Framed Charles Dickens?
BBC2, 11.15pm

A *Late Show* special considers how Dickens has been served by television over the past 30 years. David Lodge for one believes that if the author were alive today he would be writing for television or cinema. *Certainly the small screen serialisation of his work* seems entirely appropriate for a man who published his works in instalments. All the same, Dickens has always presented a challenge to adaptors. In the 1950s, reverential teatime serials tended to play safe. Now it is fashionable to say that Dickens needs a firm hand *and should never be performed naturalistically*. Interviewees, including the makers of *Martin Chuzzlewit* and former drama producer and controller of BBC1, Jonathan Powell, put their views.

Cutting Edge: Tough Love
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A moving documentary follows a group of 26 disturbed young Londoners on a residential course adapted from an American scheme. The course, featuring outdoor activities and talking sessions, *works on the principle of "tough love" — strict rules* coupled with unconditional love. A 15-year-old caught smoking is hauled up in front of the others, but this seems less frightening than the intense group session in which the course leader fires questions ranging from: "How many of you grew up without a father?" to "How many of you have tried to commit suicide?". Some are in tears as they confess their troubled histories. It is agonising to watch, but statistics seem to suggest that this intrusive course can work.

Horizon: Deaf Whale, Dead Whale
BBC2, 8.00pm

The first of a new series reveals a surprising new threat to whales and dolphins — noise pollution. The programme shows the extraordinary sophistication of ocean mammals' hearing. By directing sonar beams, they can catch fish and navigate under ice and have been used by the US Navy to find torpedoes. Now marine biologists and Navy researchers are working together for the first time, but the project has prompted a huge row. The scheme was designed to monitor global warming by measuring the speed of huge sounds transmitted across the oceans. But experts are worried that these noises could deafen thousands of marine mammals. **Stephanie Billen**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (79910)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s)(4634378) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (6559910)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place with John Stapleton (s) (9108026)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (73019939) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7734620)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (2156213)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (6550674)

1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (20423281)

1.55 Capital Woman with Anneka Rice (s) (52691303) **2.25 A Country Practice** Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (23508303)

2.50 The Young Doctors (7562026) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (6915945) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (6914216)

3.30 Rainbow (r) (4631129) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (3540552) **3.50 St Tiggywinkles** (4635945) **4.05 Sooty and Co** (s) (8459674) **4.30 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (5541668) **4.50 How 2** with Fred Dinenage, Carol Vorderman and Gareth Jones (2480281)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2360910)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (894858) **5.55 Your Shout**. Members of the public air their views (154378)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (571)

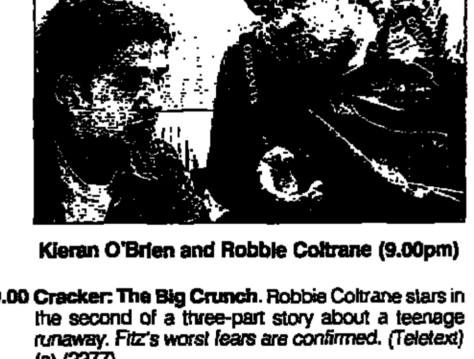
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (823)

7.00 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna. Mesmerising entertainment as ten volunteers enter a trance-induced state (s) (2281)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (197)

8.00 Wheel of Fortune *Three more contestants spin the* wheel in the giant game of roulette (1129)

8.30 World in Action: Rich Law, Poor Law. An investigation into the way the legal aid system has been abused by the wealthy at the expense of more deserving cases (s) (7736)



Kieran O'Brien and Robbie Coltrane (9.00pm)

9.00 Cracker: The Big Crunch. Robbie Coltrane stars in the second of a three-part story about a teenage *runaway. Fitz's worst fears are confirmed. (Teletext)* (s) (2277)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (12939) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (566113)

10.40 The Good Sex Guide with Margi Clarke. (Teletext) (s) (824533)

11.10 The Equalizer (r)(788303)

12.10am The Little Picture Show (3934779)

1.10 Endsleigh League Football Extra (9312576)

1.55 Traps. Police drama series starring George C. Scott (6999040)

2.45 FILM: Light Up the Sky (1960). Ian Carmichael, Tommy Steele and Benny Hill star in this wartime romp. Directed by Lewis Gilbert (847243)

4.20 Profile of Bad Boys Inc (s) (17776359)

4.30 Videofashion (90595)

5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (57392)

5.30 ITN Morning News (52798). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (4312736)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (45856)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (95216)

9.30 Schools: Geography Start Here! (8088533) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (8001484) **10.02** Stage Two Science (8575587) **10.20** The Maths Programme (7702552) **10.40** The English Programme (5218552) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (9771281) **11.15** Art Adventures (9864571) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3727910) **11.45** Junior Technology (3722465)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (40692)

12.30pm Sesame Street. *Entertaining early learning* series. The guest is Bobby McFerrin (75113) **1.30 Hullaballoo** presented by Floella Benjamin (s). Followed by **Fourways Farm** (r) (s) (22858)

2.00 FILM: Take Me Out To The Ball Game (1949) starring Gene Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Esther Williams. Turn-of-the-century musical comedy directed by Busby Berkeley (485002)

3.40 Pete Smith Specialties: Home Maid (b/w). Pete gives a newly-wed couple advice on household chores. Followed by **One Fine Day**. A short tribute to the fight for women's liberation in America (8740741)

4.00 Simply the Best. Kit Chapman concludes his gastronomic tour of Britain by enjoying a meal prepared by John Webber, one of Scotland's few Michelin-starred chefs (736)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (620)

5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's topical chat and music series, hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (9194)

6.00 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American comedy series (Teletext) (s) (113)

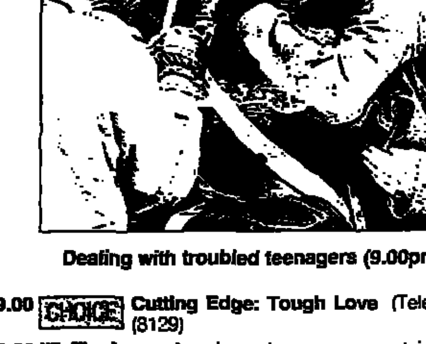
6.30 The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (465)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (613397)

7.50 Belfast Lessons (879755)

8.00 Scrimpers The last in the series in which Ray Brooks and Rick Ball meet people with money-saving ideas from all over the country. (Teletext) (9571)

8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's shop. (Teletext) (s) (5378)



Dealing with troubled teenagers (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Tough Love** (Teletext) (8129)

10.00 I'll Fly Away. American drama series set in the *Deep South at the time of the civil rights movement*. (Teletext) (s) (565129)

10.55 The American Football Big Match Highlights of LA Raiders v Kansas City Chiefs and San Diego Chargers v Atlanta Falcons (8582910)

12.15am Transworld Sport (r) (331663)

1.15 Evening Shade. Small-town America comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (70750)

1.45 FILM: Gambling Lady (1934, b/w) starring Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea and C Aubrey Smith. A young woman, undeterred by the suicide of her gambling father, heads for the casinos where she meets and falls in love with a millionaire. Directed by Archie Mayo (5586804). Ends at **3.00**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55983939) **2.20** Houseparty (23427484) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7562026) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2360910) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (847007) **11.10** First Take (925842) **12.40am-1.10** Coach (8082514) **1.50** Sport AM (8488243) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5592330) **3.15** The Beat (5829595) **4.10** Jobfinder (8721175) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (57332)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55983939) **2.20** Yan Can Cook (23427484) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7562026) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2360910) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (847007) **11.10-12.10pm** *The Monday Night Fight* (788303) **4.20am** Jobfinder (3112934) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2675205)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Home and Away (6550674) **1.25** Look and Cook (20423281) **1.55** Murder, She Wrote (9093755) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7562026) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2360910) **6.25** Granada Tonight (516194) **6.50** The Bradshaws (468858) **7.00-7.30** The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna (2281) **10.40** Passion (524533) **11.10** With... The Charlatans (925842) **11.40** Kojak (952571) **12.35am** Best of British Motor Sport (1916069) **1.10** Endsleigh League Football Extra (8124514) **1.50** Sport AM (5458243) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5592330) **3.15** The Beat (5829595) **4.10** Jobfinder (8721175) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (57392)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55-3.20 I'll Get You for This (6344634) **5.10-5.40** What's My Line? (2360910) **5.55** Home and Away (571856) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (847007) **10.40** Secrets of the Moor (524533) **11.10** Great Western: the MS (925842) **11.40** Love and War (243674) **12.10am** Coach (8082514) **12.40-1.10** Sport AM (5488243) **2.50** Hot Wheels (4430535) **1.50** Sport AM (5488243) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5592330) **3.15** The Beat (5829595) **4.10** Jobfinder (8721175) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (57392)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 Movies, Games and Videos (2360910) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (847007) **10.40** Primetime: Wales Means Business (524533) **11.10** Wales Means Business (925842) **11.40-12.10pm** The Wynford Vaughan-Thomas Season (249674)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (6559910) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7734620) **1.55** A Country Practice (55983939) **2.20** Houseparty (23427484) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7562026) **3.25-3.30** *Meridian News and Weather* (6914216) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2360910) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (571) **6.30-7.00** Spirit of the South - Ridgeriders (823) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (566113) **11.10** Without Prejudice? (925842) **11.40-12.10pm** Sledge Hammer (249674) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (57392)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (6559910) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (7750668) **12.25-12.30** My Story (7759939) **1.55** Gardening Time (52691303) **2.25-2.55** The Young Doctors (23428755) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6914216) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2360910) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (37736) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (566113) **11.10** The Front Line (925842) **11.40** Phoenix (952571) **12.35am-1.10** Coach (1916069) **1.50** Sport AM (8488243) **2.50** Hot Wheels (5592330) **3.15** The Beat (5829595) **4.10** Jobfinder (8721175) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (57392)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (55983939) **2.20** Travel Trails (23427484) **2.50-2.55** Help Yourself (8429755) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2360910) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (863910) **6.30-7.00** Chatsworth (823) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (566113) **10.40** On the Edge (824533) **11.10** The Good Sex Guide (925842) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (952571) **12.35am** Lola (978750) **2.25** The New Music (2103576) **3.25** Coach (24530868) **3.50-5.30** Jobfinder (150595)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (45856) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (95216) **9.30** Yagolion (883939) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (40692) **12.30** *Slot Meithrin Ty Chwith* (29587) **1.00** Trumpton (48945) **1.30** Crawshaw Paints Acrylics (22658) **2.00** Saddle The Wind (3978491) **3.35** The King's Stamp (4454804) **4.00** Waterways (736) **4.30** Batman (620) **5.00** 5 Pump (1940868) **5.15** 5 Pump (5473397) **5.30** Fifteen To One (200) **6.00** Newyddion (511848) **6.20** Hero (933858) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9133) **7.30** Sgorio (98674) **8.30** Newyddion (5378) **9.00** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (4674) **9.30** Cheers (30823) **10.00** I'll Fly Away (565129) **10.55** The American Football Big Match (8582910) **12.15am** Desmond's (81866) **12.45** Lonely Planet: Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands (80137)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (70216397) **8.45** Cartoons (3955642) **9.30** Card Sharks (67991) **10.00** Concentration (8905571) *10.25 Dynamo Duck (9758465)* **10.30** Candid Camera (37262) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (69787) **12.00** Urban Peasant (51842) **12.30pm** E Street (78007) **1.00** Falcon Crest (68262) **2.00** Around the World in Eighty Days (89910) **3.00** The Heights (8912571) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (1655842) **5.00** Star Trek (4804) **6.00** Gamesworld (7007) **6.30** Spellbound (4587) **7.00** E Street (5533) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5741) **8.00** Brisco County Jr (69277) **9.00** Melrose Place (14823) **10.00** Star Trek (17810) **11.00** David Letterman (943303) **11.45** Booker (771397) **12.45am** Barney Miller (31885) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (38798)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5646129) **9.30** Sky Worldwide Report (5408216) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (4429465) **11.00** World News (764945) **1.30pm** CBS News (67281) **2.30** Parliament Live (85007) **4.00** World News and Business (82736) **5.00** Live at Five (8674) **6.00** Richard Littlejohn (24200) **8.00** News and Business (9476216) **9.10** CBS 60 Minutes (8113216) **11.30** CBS News (52910) **12.30am** ABC World News (9161798) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (7868682) **2.30** Parliament Replay (17682) **4.30** CBS News (46682) **5.30** ABC World News (79750)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (7794129) **10.00 Robot Wars** (1993): Sci-fi (22242378) **11.40 Windwalker** (1980): Western (23133858) **1.35pm Hello, Dolly!** (1969): Musical (78764668) **4.00 Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines** (1965): Comedy (40608194) **6.20 Robot Wars** (1993) As 10am (80923939) **8.00 Honeymoon in Vegas** (1992): Drama (23571) **10.00 Universal Soldier** (1992): Futuristic action tale (458216) **11.45 Cowboys Don't Cry** (1987): Contemporary western (597484) **1.35am Doing Time on Maple Drive** (1991): Drama (3950866) **3.05 Taking Back My Life** (1992): Drama (5867576) **4.35-6.00 Windwalker** (1980). As noon (5359069)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Paper Chase (1973): Comedy-drama (80804) **8.00 The Train** (1964): Comedy (69235991) **10.15-12.15 The Last Detail** (1973) Drama (561552)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Return to Treasure Island Animation (2724991) **7.20 Hiawatha**: Animated children's tale (8770755) **8.15 Ali Baba** (1985): Animated adventure (8260620) **9.10 Black Beauty** (1987): Animated version (2013200) **10.10 Mutiny on the Buses** (1973): Comedy (29801533) **12.00 Miracle on 34th Street** (1947): Fairytale (71755) **2.00pm On the Buses** (1971): Comedy (69084) **4.00 Ali Baba** (1985): As 8.15am (77604) **5.00 Black Beauty** (1987): As 9.10am (3779736) **5.55 Just My Imagination** (1992): Drama (56865755) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (3261) **8.00 Chaplin** (1992): Biography (32683378) **10.25 Candyman** (1992): Horror (979804) **12.05am The Dark Wind** (1992): Supernatural thriller (210088) **2.00 Killer Looks** (1992): Erotic drama (139601) **3.40-6.00 The Secret Life of Plants** (1973): Documentary (66088717)

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SKY SPORTS
7.00am World Sport Special (30910) **7.30** ATP Tennis (84216) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (63026) **10.00** The Big League (63262) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (33587) **12.30pm** Super Sunday (97397) **2.30** World Sport Special (2656) **3.00** Tennis (12945) **4.00** World of Speed and Beauty (7216) **4.30** Surfing World Cup (3200) **5.00** WWF Mania (5674) **6.00** Soccer News (313674) **6.15** Sky Sports Classics (318129) **6.30** Fishing the West (8945) **7.00** Monday Night Football, live (6311194) **11.00** Soccer News (971281) **11.15** Fishing the West (792620) **11.45** Sky Sports Classics (785489) **12.00-2.00am** Monday Night Football (68446)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (44113) **8.00** Golf (75910) **9.00** Figure Skating (12026) **11.00** Alpine Skiing (20533) **12.00** Formula One (64945) **1.00pm** Supercross (77465) **2.00** Live Tennis (1001939) **5.30** Samba Football (75465) **6.30** Eurosport News (7723) **7.00** Live Tennis (200842) **10.00** Football Eurogoals (46820) **11.30** Eurogolf Magazine (96378) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (65953)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (8443939) **8.30** Peyton Place (8435910) **9.00** As the World Turns (9716945) **10.00** Guiding Light (8867113) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9854649)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Travel Destinations — Morocco (8446026) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (3888262) **1.00** Dive Key West (9858465) **1.30** Cooking in America (3687533) **2.00** American Adventurer (2599991) **2.30** Kaleidoscope — Oslo (5042587) **3.00** Travel Destinations (2518026) **3.30** Mansion — Great Houses of Europe (5941804) **4.00** Dive Key West (5960939) **4.30** Kids Down Under (5959823) **5.00** Kaleidoscope — Oslo (2513571) **5.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (5046303) **6.00** Getaway (5043216) **6.30** American Adventure (5961668) **7.00** Travel Destinations (2500007) **7.30** Around the World (5950552) **8.00** Sky Travel Guide (2019133) **9.00** Getaway (7531945) **9.30** Travel — Turkey (3608026) **10.00** Golf in Paradise (8447755) **10.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (8529303) **11.00** Getaway (7430262) **11.30-12.00** Mansion — Great Houses of Europe (5415823)



Streisand and Matthau: Hello Dolly (Sky Movies, 1.35pm)

TLC
9.00am Joy of Painting (3654849) **9.30** Simply Delicious Fish (6158823) **10.00** Private Lives (2968842) **10.30** Only Human (3820939) **11.30** Life is for Living (6954303) **12.00** Real Life (3667113) **12.30pm** Class by Class (6169939) **1.00** Simply Delicious Fish (1324533) **1.30** Joy of Painting (6151910) **2.00** Talking Heads (1035842) **2.30** Youth Express (2954674) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (1022649) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (2853991)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (9022804) **7.30** Neighbours (9041939) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3597151) **8.30** EastEnders (4947692) **9.00** The Bill (4602864) **9.30** One by One (9297194) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (48970649) **11.35** The Sullivans (19737939) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (6842228) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7822668) **1.00** EastEnders (9127303) **1.30** The Bill (7621939) **2.00** George and Mildred (8802007) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (1790282) **3.00** Knots Landing (3819668) **4.00** Dynasty (3094303) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2580129) **5.35** Top of the Pops (3347113) **5.55** Terry and June (2781194) **6.30** EastEnders (6645133) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (2253945) **8.00** Life Without George (8915571) **8.30** Rings on Their Fingers (8901378) **9.00** Tenko (2259129) **10.00** The Bill (5492787) **10.30** Top of the Pops (6181945) **11.05** Who Pays the Ferryman? (6789007) **12.05am** Dr Who (3539750) **12.35** Gangsters (62551934) **1.40** Candid Camera (29615475) **2.10** Shopping (2467137)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan II (8713213) **6.15** Bobobobs (454303) **6.45** Casper (453674) **7.15** Head to Head in 3D (9910284) **7.25** Eek the Cat (4460620) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (8785656) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7001533) **8.40** Tilou (8996303) **8.50** Coccinel (8992587) **9.00** Its Droibee Time (99736) **10.00** Portland Bill (46868) **11.00** Kitty Cats (73200) **11.30** Barney (50129) **12.00** Ratkan II (86649) **12.30pm** Casper (39102216) **12.40** Eek the Cat (1284281) **1.10** Saved by the Bell *(70279571) 1.40 Super Mario Brothers* (51780668) **1.50** Tilou (51779552) **2.00** Babar (3113) **2.30** Blinky Bill (2736) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (2692571) **3.15** Bobbys World (994026) **3.45** The Bots Master (993397) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (2250736) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy (5200)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive (8074303) **7.15** Grimmy (736939) **7.45** Rugrats (728910) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (9818587) **8.30** Simer and the Real Ghostbusters (2870303) **8.45** Nickalive (3875858) **9.00** Nick Jr (822113) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (31128) **12.30pm** *Rugrats* (85484) **1.00** Doug (37823) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (84755) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (4259) **2.30** Smoggies (8378) **3.00** Nick Faves (8736) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (34465) **4.30** Rugrats (1842) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (1251) **5.30** *Doug (2194)* **6.00** Grimmy (9007) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (6587)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm From Monkeys to Apes (9835656) **4.30** Wild Sanctuaries (7990020) **5.00** *A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8097129)* **5.30** The New Explorers (2873129) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (6887736) **7.00** Lifeboat (8904465) **7.30** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (2045179) **8.00** Wildside (2164007) **9.00** Endangered World (2177571) **10.00** River of Lost Souls (7292769) **10.30** Wombats, Bulldozers of the Bush (6943277) **11.00** Secret Weapons (3093674) **11.30-12.00** Spirit of Survival (9308020)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM Tall, Dark and Handsome (1941) Comedy (2295587) **1.30** The Donny and Marie Show (7816007) **2.00** The Avengers (6100031) **3.00** My Three Sons (8909910) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (4940705) **4.00** FILM. Creature of the Walking Dead (1963) Horror (2105910) **5.30** Drama Classics (5390246) **6.00** The Protectors (8540769) **6.30** Cannon (3694945) **7.30** The Invisible Man (3691213) **8.00** The Avengers (2151533) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3912755) **9.30** FILM California Dreaming (1979) (4747945) **11.30-12.00** Rat Patrol (6459754)

UK LIVING
6.00am Anne and Nick (5135587) **8.00** *Fighting Back* (3659194) **8.30** Great Expectations (3658465) **9.00** Masterchef (1103262) **9.35** Definition (3251945) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2953910) **10.30** Susan Powter (3741129) **11.00** Young and Restless (1348113) **12.00** The Look (1977858) **12.35pm** Kilroy (1081755) **1.30** On the House (6153378) **2.00** *Agony Hour* (2961939) **3.00** Living (3603484) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (24114362) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2867194) **4.30** Definition (49418465) **4.55** Chinese Cookery (6106262) **5.30** Kate and Allie (2950958) **6.00** Material World (2877571) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2565323) **7.00** Living (1550668) **8.00** Young and Restless (1932216) **9.00** FILM Till Death Do Us Part. Drama (96560945) **10.50** Short Stories (8231597) **11.00** Susan Powter (6567623) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (2959194)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Adventures of Tintin (4465) **5.30** Jack Sans Frontieres (71736) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (6045) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (7125) **7.30** Wonder Years (6129) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (34007) **9.00** [illegible] **10.00** Catchphrase [illegible] **10.30** [illegible] **11.00** [illegible] **12.00** Rhoda (88175) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (42885) **1.00** Catchphrase (79137) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (13069) **2.00** Moonlighting (60663) **3.00** Lou Grant (84392) **4.00** Rhoda (27311) **4.30-5.00** Wonder Years (83330)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (27156) **6.30** The Grind (19026) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (69561) **8.00** VJ Ingo (735113) **11.00** Soul (28262) **12.00** Greatest Hits (17007) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (504910) **3.30** The Coca-Cola Report (5041723) **3.45** Cinematic (6403088) **4.00** News at Night (2282571) **4.15** 3 from 1 (2252194) **4.30** Dial MTV (7858) **5.00** Hit List UK (92200) **7.00** Greatest Hits (83945) **8.00** Unplugged With Bjork (95465) **9.00** The Real World 3 (68194) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (18736) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (616674) **10.15** Cinematic *(611129) 10.30 News at Night (364571)* **10.45** 3 from 1 (389036) **11.00** The End? (48755) **1.00am** Soul (95224) **2.00** The Grind (45717) **2.30** Night Videos (7792088)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9857736) **9.00** Cafe (1686571) **12.00** The Bridge (6428587) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best Guest or Theme (5968668) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8766007) **3.30** Into the Music (8192939) **6.00** Prime Cuts (3605939) **7.00** For You (6514543) **8.00** Album Chart (2114787) **10.00** The Bridge (9616991) **11.30** VH-1 to 1 (5417281) **12.00** The Nightfly (2714224) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (2422066) **3.00** Album Chart (3773446) **5.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol (1975955)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (84552) **7.00** Asian *Morning* (97587) **8.30** Bunyaad (76557) **9.00** FILM (540557) **12.00** [illegible] **1.00pm** Pakistani Drama (11523) **2.00** Hindi FILM (3634651) **5.00** [illegible] **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (4635) **7.00** Pakistani Drama (49557) **8.00** News Bulletin [illegible] **8.30** Business Report [illegible] **9.00** Hindi FILM (111454) **12.00** Asian Morning (704137) **1.35-6.00am** [illegible] (81632446)

CARTOON NETWORK TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme Charting Round
7.00pm George Washington Slept Here (1942) [illegible] **8.40 The Sunshine Boys** (1975) [illegible] **10.40 Rio Rita** (1942) [illegible] **12.25am Hollywood Party** (1934) [illegible] **1.45 Kill or Cure** (1962) [illegible] **3.25-5.00 Fireman Save My Child** [illegible]

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

CBI backs Major's multi-track Europe

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITISH business leaders support the Government's drive for a multi-speed multi-track Europe — but they are strongly in favour of a single European currency, according to new evidence from the Confederation of British Industry yesterday.

The CBI's backing for the Government was, however, undercut by its leaders accepting that many large UK companies will now introduce European-style works council arrangements, in spite of the Government's social protocol opt-out opposing them. Businessmen and politicians are likely to clash today at the CBI's annual conference, in Birmingham, when the EU social affairs commissioner, Padraig Flynn, calls for Britain to abandon its opt-out at the inter-governmental conference (IGC) on the future of the EU in 1996. Francois Perigot, president of the European employers' body Unice will support the CBI line that further social regulation will harm the competitiveness of European business.

A new survey of UK business leaders published by the CBI yesterday, showed continuing opposition in industry to new social legislation, support for economic and monetary union (Emu) and strong backing for the differentiated approach to the future of the EU favoured by John Major.

More than 200 chairman and chief executives of the CBI's principal member companies were surveyed in October and early this month. *Principal findings include:*

☐ Almost three in five of those surveyed favour a core single market, with member states adopting differing policies and paces of adjustment.

☐ Support for a single European currency is strong, with 28 per cent seeing it as a necessary long-term single market condition, and a further 58 per cent viewing it as good for business. Almost half believe that Britain should have the option of being part of any group of countries moving to Emu by the end of the decade, *but only a quarter maintain that this is necessary.*

☐ *Business still opposes most* of the EU's employment measures, though a small majority favours the so-called "posted workers" directive, which *gives rights* to employees working in a host country.

☐ Two-fifths now believe that the European Commission has a better understanding of the effects of European-wide action on industrial and economic competitiveness. There is strong support for EU deregulation and reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

Howard Davies, the CBI director-general, said that the coherent view of business on Europe "ought to be helpful" to the Government.

Ministers are likely to find less helpful the CBI's acknowledgement that about 100 big UK companies will adopt works councils in line with an EU directive, in spite of Britain's Maastricht Treaty opt-out from the social protocol under which the directive has been brought forward.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, CBI president, said that he expected a "significant number" of UK companies to adopt new European-style methods of consulting workforces, which were strongly opposed by the CBI and European employers' bodies, as well as by the UK Government.

However, he insisted that such an acknowledgment did not render the Government's opt-out meaningless, nor suggest that the Government should abandon it at the IGC.

Mr Davies said that the nature of the works councils directive, which was aimed at a small number of companies, was different from the all-encompassing approach of other social legislation.

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Howard Davies and Sir Bryan Nicholson in Birmingham yesterday for the CBI conference

UK urged to invest more

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BUSINESS leaders and government alike are failing to make the investments that Britain needs to catch up with industrial rivals such as Japan and the United States.

A report from the Confederation of British Industry's National Manufacturing Council (NMC) shows that industrialists are still hesitating to invest in new capacity, and productivity growth is too slow. It says that there have been strong improvements in output, productivity, exports and research and development. But there is still a shortfall of 20 to 40 per cent in average levels of productivity and stock turnout compared with main competitors. Investment levels remain weak, it adds, despite the capacity constraints that are developing in some industries.

Tony Hales, chairman of the NMC and chief executive of Allied Domecq, said: "We need more investment in our plants and in our people." But he insisted that Government must share the responsibility: "We need more investment by government in infrastructure, education and training."

Mr Hales said many companies were hesitating to invest because they remained nervous about the volatility of the economy and consumer demand. But he said too many businessmen were insular, congratulating themselves on productivity gains without realising that overseas competitors were improving even faster.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, president of the CBI, said that there was a "reasonable chance" of Britain closing the gap with overseas rivals if investment and productivity improve; British industry needed "five, six or seven years" of outperformance in order to catch up with the productivity of overseas rivals.

According to the NMC, manufacturing output has risen 3.1 per cent in the past year, productivity 3.6 per cent, exports 7 per cent and spending on research and development 9 per cent.

Current account 'close to surplus'

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN could be close to surplus on its current account within three years as consumer demand is reined back by higher taxes and interest rates, and manufacturing enjoys the strongest period of growth in 30 years, according to the London Business School.

LBS said that Britain's current account deficit could be only £2.4 billion next year, falling to £1.4 billion in 1996. It estimates manufacturing output, helped by a recovery in investment and export growth, could rise 4.5 per cent this year and 5.6 per cent in 1995.

From 1994 to 1998, the LBS predicts that manufacturing production will rise by an average of 4.3 per cent a year, the best five years of growth since 1964-68. LBS attributes this to greater competitiveness since sterling left the ERM and to supply side improvements.

Andrew Sentance, co-editor of LBS's economic outlook, wants the Chancellor not to cut taxes in this month's Budget. He believes the fact that higher taxes are biting down heavily on consumer spending should be welcomed because it helps to rectify an imbalance between consumption and investment in the UK.

LBS expects growth overall to slow from 3.5 per cent this year to 2.5 per cent in 1995 as consumption growth is expected to slow from 2.3 per cent this year to only 1.6 per cent in 1995. This will help to keep inflation well within the Government's 1 per cent to 4 per cent target range; LBS believes that underlying inflation will reach 3.1 per cent next year.

Interest rates are forecast to rise to 7 per cent next year.

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BAe to attack GEC's record in bid battle

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

THE future of the VSEL shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness will be thrashed out at the Ministry of Defence this week, as British Aerospace attacks the record of GEC, the rival bidder for the yard, on big defence projects.

BAe's onslaught will include reminders of embarrassing GEC-led flops like the abandoned Nimrod airborne early warning system, the Spearfish torpedo and the delayed Foxhunter radar system designed for BAe's Tornado aircraft. BAe says these show GEC's limitations on big contracts, claiming GEC is "primarily a sub-contractor". Less than a fortnight ago, GEC intruded on an agreed bid from BAe for VSEL, Britain's sole remaining builder of nuclear submarines, with a higher, all-cash offer worth £532 million. The battle will be won or lost at the MoD and the Office of Fair Trading, with BAe pinning its hopes on the GEC offer being barred over competition.

BAe's submission to the MoD will be put this week in briefings that will centre on competition issues and the claimed impact on GEC's Yarrow yard on Clydeside, which BAe insists will have to close. Yarrow launched *HMS Grafton*, its latest Type 23 frigate for the Royal Navy on Saturday. The first of two frigates for the Royal Malaysian Navy will be launched next month.

Dick Evans, BAe's chief executive, is also expected to keep the battle bubbling with a further document to VSEL shareholders. Meanwhile, he will tell MoD civil servants that GEC and VSEL would have 70 per cent of the value of UK surface ship programmes and 80 per cent of future submarine orders. "This degree of concentration is without parallel," BAe will claim.

GEC has said it will ensure long-term viability of Barrow and Yarrow. But it is the latter, BAe will say, with its 2,300 jobs, that is at most risk in any future reorganisation.



HMS Grafton, which was launched at GEC's Yarrow yard on Saturday

Old boys still rule the board

By Our Deputy City Editor

SOCIAL mobility and sexual equality may have seeped into most areas of British society, but they remain shut firmly outside the boardroom door. The typical director or senior officer of a quoted company is still male, in his fifties, ex-public school and Oxbridge and a golf-playing member of the RAC or MCC.

This is the conclusion of *The Arthur Andersen Corporate Register*, which finds that men outnumber women by 26 to 1 on the boards of Britain's stock market companies.

In education and in leisure activities, directors display a strong Establishment bias, the survey says. The most popular schools are, in order, Eton, Rugby and Winchester. Thereafter, Cambridge beats Oxford into second place. The most popular pastime is golf, followed by tennis, although two sad cases list "work" as their recreation and another admits to bungee-jumping. The average age of a male director is 53. Reflecting her later arrival at the board table, his female equivalent would be aged 45.

These averages mask wide variations. Dorothy Bailey is a non-executive director of CH Bailey at 90, while Colin Wilkinson, sales director of Eidos, is 26. He reports to Stephen Streater, managing director — and two years his senior.



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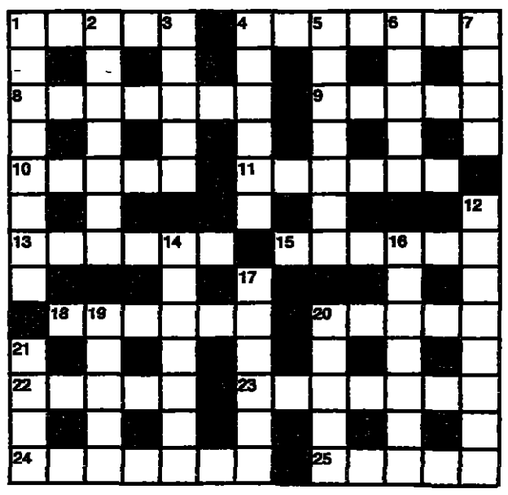
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ACROSS

1 Whole range (eg of emotions) (5)
4 Set down (carefully, for safe keeping) (7)
8 In profusion (7)
9 Of the country (5)
10 Cow's milk gland (5)
11 In good form (2,4)
13 Challenge for ball (6)
15 Sudden burst of activity, fall of snow (6)
18 Alcoholic drink, esp. spirits (6)
20 Hewer of coal (5)
22 Scottish landowner (5)
23 Bird, red-tipped flight feathers (7)
24 Of system of eg US government (7)
25 Don; affect (3,2)

DOWN

1 Tip (8)
2 Having a tune (7)
3 General purport (of speech) (5)
4 Fungal damage to wood (3,3)
5 Sunshade (7)
6 Alluring woman; warning signal (5)
7 Conversation (4)
12 Lightest element (8)
14 Wash clothes (7)
16 Grow, behave in uncontrolled way (3,4)
17 Thin worsted yarn for embroidery (6)
19 Homeric epic (5)
20 Confusion, misunderstanding (3-2)
21 Symbol indicating pitch of music (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 311

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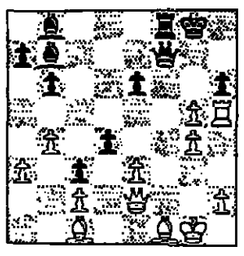
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Chiburdanidze - Galliamova, Women's Candidates Tilburg, 1994. It looks as if the black kingside is being opened up. Black, however, proved that it is, in fact, the white king that is in the greater danger. How did she do this?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HYDROPHYTE

a. A water ski-board
b. Hydrated hydrogen
c. An aquatic plant

LOS VON ROM

a. A legendary German chauvinist
b. Anti-Papist slogan
c. A type of enamel-work

HOKAN

a. Indian languages
b. A confidence trick
c. A Tibetan rug-overcoat

MAMALIGA

a. A Japanese house matron
b. A type of vine
c. Maize porridge

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Forte checks out of row with QMH

By Martin Waller

FORTE has conceded defeat in a row with Queens Moat Houses that broke out when the two hotel groups checked in under the same name.

A fortnight ago, Forte announced plans to hive off about 80 of its smaller and least impressive hotels into a new brand, County Hotels, which the market widely interpreted as a bid to put them up for sale.

What Forte had overlooked was that Queens Moat, now under new management after a corporate collapse last year, had carried out a similar exercise a few months previously, creating a tier of 40 country houses, also operating under the County name and, coincidentally, also earmarked for eventual sale.

Adding to the difficulties, the name County, as a generic term for a type of hotel, cannot be officially registered. Forte was to launch its County chain early next year.

Forte said the two groups would not "fall out over it — we will probably use another trade name". Queens Moat struck a more severe tone: "The Queens Moat attitude is this: we're doing it before you, and we think you probably didn't carry out all the necessary diligence that you might have."

☐ Queens Moat is in talks with Cyril Stein, former head of Ladbroke, over the sale of St James's Club in Westminster.